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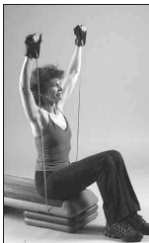
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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## Nation

**California wildfires:** Firefighters were hampered by erratic wind and low humidity Monday as they made slow progress against a fire that had burned nearly 12,000 acres and four homes in the Northern California wine country.

The fire, which started Friday northeast of Geyserville in Sonoma County, had been 20 percent contained and full containment was not expected until Wednesday, said Janet Marshall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

## World

**Israel separation barrier:** Israeli officials have reiterated an unfinished stretch of the separation barrier so it will not incorporate West Bank land on the Israeli side, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said Monday.

Also Monday, two senior Egyptian officials met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank for talks on Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

**Mad cow disease:** Japan could stop testing newborn and younger cows for mad cow disease without posing a risk to public health, a special panel decided Monday in a ruling that could influence talks to lift Tokyo's ban on American beef imports.

Japan shut its doors to U.S. beef last December after the discovery of the United States' first case of mad cow disease, and has urged Washington to impose blanket testing of every cow as is required in Japan.

The panel of the Cabinet's Food Safety Commission concluded, however, that measures already in place to remove parts of the cows most at risk for infection meant that excluding young or newborn cattle from testing would not threaten consumers, said Hiroshi Aoki, a commission official.

**India and Pakistan talks:** The foreign ministers of India and Pakistan concluded talks Monday in New Delhi declaring that the South Asian rivals had made significant progress in improving relations, despite their inability to agree on the future of divided Kashmir.



**Will work in Iraq:** A job recruiter reads out the names to job-seekers Monday as they gather outside a Manila job recruitment agency hoping to land a job in war-torn Iraq. The workers gathered at the agency following an announcement that the government is considering lifting its ban of overseas Filipino workers to Iraq, which was imposed due to the kidnapping of truck driver Angelo Dela Cruz. But with the country's uncertain economy growth and the government admitting a fiscal crisis recently, Filipinos are still willing to take the risk.

In a turning point in relations between the nuclear-armed neighbors, the foreign ministers sat side by side, publicly airing their deep divisions over the Himalayan province, yet pledging to move forward in ways that could ease tensions in the region.

**Bird flu outbreak:** Malaysia announced its second outbreak of deadly bird flu in three weeks Monday, the latest near a northern village close to the border with Thailand where the disease was first detected.

The Veterinary Department said that lethal H5N1 strain of avian influenza was believed to be the cause of the deaths of 10 chickens and 20 quail in Kampung Belian, a village three miles from the outbreak announced Aug. 17.

**European Union membership:** The prime ministers of Croatia and Macedonia praised their close political ties Monday and pledged to work together toward eventual European Union membership for their countries.

Macedonia's Premier, Hari Kostov, said the two former Yugoslav republics have no outstanding questions between them, and that their friendly relations can "stand as a

model" for others in the Balkans.

"Our cooperation should help both of us in efforts to join the European Union and NATO," Kostov said after talks in Macedonia with his Croatian counterpart, Ivo Sanader.

**Polio vaccine boycott ends:** Health workers met scattered refusals from parents Monday as medical teams deployed door-to-door in this largely Muslim Nigerian state, rushing to inoculate 3.8 children against polio after Muslim leaders lifted their boycott of the vaccine.

Monday's emergency inoculation campaign was the second since July, when Kano state Gov. Ibrahim Shekarau ended an 11-month ban of the vaccine.

Extremist Muslim clerics had led the boycott, claiming the polio vaccine was part of a U.S.-led plot to render Nigeria's Muslims infertile or infect them with AIDS.

The boycott in Africa's most populous state spawned a resurgence of the crippling virus across Africa, infecting children in more than a dozen formerly polio-free countries and threatening a worldwide, U.N.-backed initiative to eliminate the virus by 2005.

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Above: Sgt. Mitch Dodson, 25, of the 2nd Infantry Division's Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, goes on patrol in Iraq. Left: One of the Manchus' Bradley fighting vehicles prepares for action across an area of operations in Iraq that covers 3,500 square miles of desert.

# Strike Force Manchu keep supply route safe

## 2nd ID unit begins operations patrolling 3,500 square miles in Iraq

BY SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

### WESTERN IRAQ

The Strike Force Manchu is preparing to take control of roughly 3,500 square miles of desert — one of the largest areas of operations in Iraq.

The soldiers from 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, known as the Manchus because of their service in China during the Boxer Rebellion of 1901, began patrols in Iraq last week.

Strike Force, the 2nd ID's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, which includes the Manchus, has asked Stars and Stripes not to reveal the exact location of its units for security reasons.

However, the Manchus' commander, Lt. Col. Joseph Southcott, said 1-9's area of operations is a vast expanse of desert that does not include any large cities.

"We have small villages and towns, but no major urban areas. The biggest feature we have is a main supply route that bisects our area of operations," he said.

The Manchus' primary mission is to provide security and freedom of movement along the route, he said.

The unit responsible for security in the area over the past year has done an excellent job to minimize attacks on the road, he said.

"Prior to their mission, they had experienced a soldier being injured or a vehicle damaged every other day," he said.

Now more than 100 days have passed without a successful attack, he added.

Insurgents have been forced away from the main supply route, according to military officials.

Their main form of attack now is to plant

improvised explosive devices on side roads to target U.S. patrols, Southcott said.

The bespectacled commander experienced this up close on his first patrol in Iraq when an IED blasted the last Humvee in his convoy into a canal, injuring two Marines in a joint force, he said.

"For everybody in the patrol it was very instinctive. As soon as it happened there was no doubt what it was. You pull over, dismount, pull security, treat the wounded and search the area," he said.

Last Saturday night, several of Southcott's soldiers got their own chance to check out the area, patrolling through a small village along a side another unit.

The soldiers rolled out in a convoy of Humvees, using night vision goggles to drive 50 mph along a dark six-lane freeway.

The vehicles stopped at an observation post overlooking the main supply route and the soldiers transferred to Bradley fighting vehicles.

When the Bradleys reached the drop-off point, ramps dropped and soldiers stepped into the landscape lit by a pale half-moon.

Instead of the desert that covers much of 1-9's area of operations, the soldiers could see thick vegetation including gum trees, palms, tall reeds and fields of native crops.

Farm animals disturbed by the visitors began a chorus of brays, moos and barks that announced their presence to the neighborhood.

One of the veterans had some advice for

the Manchus. "This isn't just a walk in the dark," he said. "Make sure you are paying attention."

Another veteran advised the newcomers that the locals respect only strength. "We have killed so many insurgents they call this the blood patch," he said, pointing to his unit's insignia.

The patrol's first stop was the local mosque.

Houses lined both sides of the dirt road the soldiers walked down.

A baby cried in the yard next to one of them.

Locals sleep outdoors because it is cooler than sleeping indoors, explained a veteran.

The soldiers stopped outside the largest house in the village. Sgt. Mitch Dodson, 25, of Company C, 1-9, learned the house is home to the local sheik.

The young soldier from Elsmore, Kan., who has never met a sheik, did not get to meet one during the patrol. This sheik, who supports the coalition, was recovering after insurgents shot him, officials said.

Iraq is a pleasant change of scenery after a year and a half in South Korea, Dodson said.

"The terrain here is really flat and it is hot and dry. There are mountains and it is hot and humid in Korea," he said.

The soldiers cut across some fields and stopped in a palm grove next to a canal full of weeds.

Among the palms stood a tree trunk, sheared of its branches, poking up like a ship's mast in the darkness.

A few months ago the tree was blown up by four 155 mm artillery rounds that shattered the front of a Humvee and threw the machine into the canal, injuring two soldiers, the veterans said.

This night's visit was meant to illustrate that IEDs are placed on isolated dirt tracks as well as the main roads.

Insurgents knew the soldiers patrolled there and waited for them, the veterans told the Manchus.

Further down the road, the soldiers stopped outside the local high school.

In the darkness it looked much like an American school, complete with a basketball court and graffiti.

The veterans have waged a war of words with locals who write anti-coalition graffiti.

The veterans responded with their own pro-coalition graffiti and eventually challenged their opponents to meet for a showdown.

Unfortunately, the soldiers got diverted to a raid and didn't make the appointment, they said.

Last stop was the local market, a collection of tin sheds by the roadside.

The shops had their shutters drawn when the soldiers arrived, but they are a popular hangout for locals during the day, the veterans said.

The soldiers finished the patrol by walking around the edge of a small lake to rendezvous with the Bradleys.

"We have been preparing for a long time. My soldiers are excited about getting into the area of operations and beginning to conduct our military operations in support of a stable and secure Iraq," he said.

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## Guam arrests

Four Guam Waterworks Authority employees were arrested Saturday for allegedly trespassing on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, the Pacific Daily News reported Monday.

The employees, whose names were not disclosed, were released on their own recognizance but may face federal prosecution in connection with the trespassing charge, Airman First Class Sarah Gregory, an Andersen spokeswoman, told the newspaper.

The four drove through an unauthorized area to fix a leak after being told to enter through the base's gate, Gregory said.

The case was turned over to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

## Retirees appreciated

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The base is celebrating Retiree Appreciation Day on Sept. 25.

Events include a free buffet breakfast at the Mutsu Officers' Club from 8 to 9:30 a.m. A cake-cutting ceremony, with door prizes, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the base exchange main entrance.

RSVP for breakfast no later than Sept. 17 by calling DSN 226-4428 or DSN 226-2745.

## Air Force Ball

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Misawa's 2004 Air Force Ball is set for Sept. 18 in the Misawa Collocated Club. Social hour is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; professional photos are also available during this time. The ball begins at 7 p.m.

Childcare is available for young children and there will be youth activities for older children. Buses will provide transportation to and from the event. Call 1st Lt. John Groff at DSN 226-1492 for more information.

## Shed rules changed

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Canvas or tarpaulin sheds are no longer allowed in family housing; only plastic or metal sheds are permitted. Officials will post new exceptions to the policy.

Call the base housing office at DSN 226-3200 for more information.

## Tobacco cessation

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Health and Wellness Center offers "Five Weeks to Freedom" — a five-week tobacco cessation class to help people kick the smoking habit.

Call the HAWC at DSN 226-6633 to sign up or to learn more about the class.

From staff reports

# Typhoon Songda troubles Sasebo

## Base in TCCOR1 as storm threatens to produce strongest winds in 60 years

By GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

BASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness 1 Caution was issued at 7 a.m. Tuesday as winds of 104 mph and gusts up to 127 mph and intermittent heavy rain churned the India and Juliet basins.

These would be some of Typhoon Songda's worst sustained winds as the typhoon passed just 16 miles from Sasebo from the southeast, forecasters said.

"Basically, overnight the storm began to re-curve to the northeast and accelerated. So, we are expecting the maximum impact on the base early this morning rather than noon as forecast late yesterday," Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron Kawczk, typhoon forecaster from Sasebo's Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment, said Tuesday.

"This storm must be taken very seriously. It has the potential to produce the strongest winds observed in Sasebo in over 60 years," Kawczk said.

At about 6 a.m., the base was a windy, wet, ghost town. The trees along California Drive waved consistently at the few vehicles passing by, waves more menacing than friendly.

The main gates were locked to those going in or out. The only way in was through a back gate for mission-essential personnel.

Schools also were closed Tuesday. "We should have all clear here by 3 p.m.," Kawczk predicted.

Kawczk said winds of 58 mph or greater are predicted to last three hours Tuesday. Showers should be heavy with isolated thunderstorms during the late morning and early afternoon but should fade by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening.

As he did last week when Typhoon Chaba approached, base commander Capt. Michael



YUTAKA YOSHIDA, KYODO NEWS-AP

Waves beat a Naha port as Typhoon Songda hits Okinawa with heavy rains and high winds Sunday before heading to mainland Japan.

James made rooms available in bachelor housing to those living off-base who did not feel safe in their housing.

Most ships operating from Sasebo are deployed.

"I believe MCMs (minesweepers USS Guardian and USS Patriot) will go into dry-dock. The USS Fort McHenry will remain pier-side, with four or five tugs standing by in case of emergency," said Charles T. Howard, base spokesman.

After passing western Kyushu, the typhoon

is forecast to move over the Sea of Japan, moving no closer than 87 miles northwest of Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, said forecaster Sgt. Bryan Cunningham.

Iwakuni assumed TCCOR 1 early Tuesday. The base is closed to all but essential personnel, and schools were closed Tuesday.

Cunningham said the worst at Iwakuni, predicted for Tuesday at about 2 p.m., should be sustained winds of 40 mph and gusts up to 58 mph.

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# 7 Marines die in suicide attack outside Fallujah

BY KIM HOUSEGO

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — A suicide attack erped up to a U.S. military convoy outside Fallujah and detonated an explosives-packed vehicle on Monday, killing seven Marines and three Iraqi soldiers, U.S. military officials said. It was the deadliest day for American forces in four months.

The force of the blast on a dusty stretch of wasteland nine miles north of Fallujah, a hotbed of Sunni insurgents, wrecked two Humvee vehicles and hurled the suicide car's engine far from the site, witnesses and military officials said.

The bombing underscored the challenges U.S. commanders face in securing Fallujah and surrounding Anbar province, the heartland of a Sunni Muslim insurgency bent on driving coalition forces from the country.

U.S. forces have not patrolled in Fallujah since ending a three-week siege of the city in April that had been aimed at rooting out militiamen. Insurgents have only strengthened their hold on Fallujah since then.

With Monday's deaths, 990 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to a count by The Associated Press based on Defense Department figures.

Three soldiers were wounded Monday in a roadside bombing in eastern Baghdad.

After the suicide blast outside Fallujah, west of the capital, medical teams in helicopters ferried away the injured from the blazing wreckage.

Fallujah hospital officials said four Iraqis were wounded by gunfire from U.S. troops near the site of the bombing, but the U.S. military had no confirmation.

The military condemned the bombing as "a desperate act of inhumanity" but insisted American troops will stay the course in Iraq until local forces are in a position to take over security operations. The slain Americans belonged to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Hours after the attack, an unmanned U.S. spy plane crashed in Fallujah. Afterward, jubilant residents picked up pieces of debris and danced in the streets, display-

ing pieces of the aircraft to reporters, witnesses said.

Since the Marine siege ended, gunmen have been using the city as a base to manufacture car bombs and launch attacks on U.S. and Iraqi government forces. Fallujah has become a virtual no-go zone for U.S. troops, though American warplanes have repeatedly carried out airstrikes against alleged militant safe-houses there.

Friday's attack resulted in the largest number of Americans killed in combat in a single day since May 2, when nine U.S. troops died in separate mortar attacks and roadside bombings in Baghdad, Ramadi and Kirkuk.

Seven troops were killed on two days last month, but in each case, there were six Americans and one foreign coalition member who died.

In other developments:

■ Gunmen shot and killed a Norwegian woman married to an Iraqi Kurd in the northern city of Kirkuk and slightly wounded her daughter, police said.

■ U.S. and Iraqi national guardsmen clashed with insurgents in the northern city of Mosul, the U.S. military said. Hospital offi-



**A destroyed vehicle lies at the site of a massive car bomb attack Monday on the outskirts of Fallujah, 40 miles northwest of Baghdad. Seven U.S. Marines and three Iraqi soldiers died in the suicide attack and several others were wounded, U.S. military officials said.**

cials said three civilians were killed and nine others wounded in the fighting late Sunday.

■ Iraqi police seized a car packed with explosives in Kirkuk that authorities believed was going to be used by a suicide bomber. The seizure came two days after a suicide car bombing out-

sided a Kirkuk police academy killed 20 people and injured 50.

■ Iraqi Minister of State Qassim Dawoud said the trial of Saddam and other indicted officials from his regime would start "within a few weeks ... before the end of this year and before (Iraqi) elections," which are planned for January.

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# Senator says Franks spoke of forces shift

BY WILLIAM C. MANN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former Senate Intelligence Committee chairman asserted Sunday that the general who ran the war in Afghanistan said more than a year before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq that his resources were being shifted in preparation for taking on Saddam Hussein.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., contends that just months into combat in Afghanistan, Gen. Tommy Franks also told him that fighting terrorism in Somalia, Yemen and elsewhere should take priority over invading Iraq.

Graham said Franks told him he thought the United States knew less about the situation in Iraq than did some European governments, and the Bush administration should ask them for advice.

The senator, who is retiring at year's end, said his conversation with the now-retired general came in February 2002, when Graham was chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

That was the month that Secretary of State Colin Powell told a House committee that President Bush was considering "the most serious set of options one might imagine" to bring "regime change" in Iraq, including the possibility of doing it alone. At least one European leader, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, said a few days later that Bush had assured him "he harbors no attack plans."

The invasion began March 19, 2003, over the vigorous protests of Germany and most other major U.S. allies except Britain, which

joined the invading force. Graham opposed the war.

Graham said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that his meeting with Franks was at the general's headquarters, Central Command in Tampa, Fla.

"He laid out a very precise strategy for fighting the war on terror," Graham said.

"First, we should win the war in Afghanistan. Second, move to Somalia, which as he described was almost anarchy but with a substantial number of al-Qaida cells; then to Yemen. And that we should be very careful about Iraq, because our intelligence was so weak that we didn't know what we were getting into," Graham said.

Last week, Franks gave fellow Texan Bush a rousing endorsement in a speech at the Republi-

can National Convention. Franks said he had seen in Bush's eyes "the courage to stand up to terrorists and the consistency necessary to beat them."

In "American Soldier," Franks' memoirs published last month, he mentioned none of the points Graham reported in his book. The retired general could not be reached Sunday. There was no immediate response to a message left at Tampa's Central Command headquarters.

Graham wrote of his meeting with Franks in a book, "Intelligence Matters," which goes on sale Tuesday.

In an excerpt read on "Meet the Press," the senator said Franks told him "his men and resources were being moved to Iraq, where he felt that our intelligence was

shoddy. This admission was coming almost 14 months before the beginning of combat operations in Iraq and only five months after the commencement of combat in Afghanistan."

Graham alleges in his book that the White House stood in the way of congressional investigators who wanted to look into purported ties between the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers and the Saudi government.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry called for an independent probe of the allegation, saying that if the White House blocked the congressional investigation, then "this would be a massive abuse of power."

The Bush-Cheney campaign responded to Kerry, saying, "John Kerry is flailing about making baseless attacks founded on the assertions of a failed presidential candidate."

## Iraq: Tests show man in custody not Saddam deputy

BY MARIAM FARM  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Medical tests have proved that a man being held in Iraqi custody is not Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, the most wanted member of Saddam Hussein's ousted dictatorship, an Interior Ministry spokesman said Monday, ending days of conflicting claims about his purported ar-

rest.

"The required tests to identify him showed that he is not Izzat al-Douri," spokesman Sabah Kadhim told The Associated Press.

Kadhim said the man in Iraqi custody is a relative of al-Douri who was not an important member of Saddam's ousted regime but was nevertheless wanted by authorities. Iraqi officials on Sunday said they had

nabbed al-Douri during a shootout north of Baghdad, but later in the day the Iraqi defense minister said word of his arrest was "baseless." U.S. military commanders had also been unable to confirm his arrest.

American officials believe that al-Douri — Saddam's former right-hand man — is playing an organizing role in the 16-month insurgency that has plagued U.S. forces here.

Al-Douri was once the vice chairman of the Baath Party's Revolutionary Command Council.

He is No. 6 on the U.S. military's list of 55 most-wanted figures from Saddam's regime — the king of clubs in the deck of cards — and U.S. forces have offered a \$10 million bounty for his arrest. Forty-four of the people on the list already have been killed or captured.

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# Bush's Guard file missing required records

## Experts say commanders may not have filed reports

BY MATT KELLEY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Documents that should have been written to explain gaps in President Bush's Texas Air National Guard service are missing from the military records released about his service in 1972 and 1973, according to regulations and outside experts.

For example, Air National Guard regulations at the time required commanders to write an investigative report for the Air Force when Bush missed his annual medical exam in 1972. The regulations also required commanders to confirm in writing that Bush received counseling after missing five months of drills.

No such records have been made public and the government told The Associated Press in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit that it has released all records it can find.

Outside experts suggest that National Guard commanders may not have produced documentation required by their own regulations.

"One of the downfalls back then in the National Guard was that not everyone wanted to be chief of staff of the Air Force. They just wanted to fly or maintain airplanes. So the record keeping could have been better," said retired Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr., a former head of the Air National Guard. He said the documents may not have been kept in the first place.



Challenging the government's declaration that no more documents exist, the AP identified five categories of records that should have been generated after Bush skipped his pilot's physical and missed five months of training.

"Each of these actions by any member of the National Guard should have generated the creation of many documents that have yet to be produced," AP lawyer David Schulz wrote the Justice Department Aug. 26.

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan said there were other documents that explain discrepancies in Bush's files.

Military service during the Viet-

nam War has become an issue in the presidential election as both candidates debate the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Democrat John Kerry commanded a Navy Swift boat in Vietnam and was awarded five medals, including a Silver Star. But his heroism has been challenged in ads by some veterans who support Bush.

The president served stateside in the Air National Guard during Vietnam. Democrats have accused him of shirking his Guard service and getting favored treatment as the son of a prominent Washington figure.

The AP talked to experts unaffiliated with either campaign who have reviewed Bush's files for missing documents. They said it was not unusual for Guard commanders to ignore deficiencies by junior officers such as Bush. But they said missing a physical exam, which caused him to be grounded, was not common.

"It's sort of like a code of honor that you didn't go DNF (duty not including flying)," said retired Air Force Col. Leonard Walls, who flew 181 combat missions over Vietnam. "There was a lot of



Left: George W. Bush poses in his Texas Air National Guard uniform in this updated photo. Above: A copy of Bush's pay stub from his stint in the Air National Guard, released by the White House on Feb. 10. Documents that should have been written to explain gaps in Bush's Guard service are missing from the military records released about his service in 1972 and 1973, according to several experts.

pride in keeping combat-ready status."

Bush has said he fulfilled all his obligations. He was in the Texas Air National Guard from 1968 to 1973 and was trained to fly F-102 fighters.

Records of Bush's service have significant gaps, starting in 1972. Bush has said he left Texas that year to go on the unsuccessful Senate campaign in Alabama of family friend Winton Blount. The five kinds of missing files are:

■ A report from the Texas Air National Guard to Bush's local draft board certifying that Bush remained in good standing. The government has released copies of those DD Form 44 documents for Bush for 1971 and earlier years but not for 1972 or 1973. Records from Bush's draft board in Houston do not show his draft status changed after he joined the Guard in 1968. The AP obtained the draft board records Aug. 27 under the Freedom of Information Act.

■ Records of a required investigation into why Bush lost flight status. When Bush skipped his 1972 physical, regulations required his Texas commanders to direct an investigation as to why the individual failed to accomplish the medical examination," according to the Air Force manu-

al at the time. An investigative report was supposed to be forwarded "with the command recommendation" to Air Force officials "for final determination."

■ A written acknowledgment from Bush that he had received the orders grounding him. His Texas commanders were ordered to have Bush sign such a document, but none has been released.

■ Reports of formal counseling sessions Bush was required to have after missing more than three training sessions. Bush missed at least five months' worth of National Guard training in 1972. No documents have surfaced indicating Bush was counseled or had written authorization to skip that training or make it up later.

Commanders did have broad discretion to allow guardsmen to make up for missed training sessions, said Weaver and Lawrence Korb, Pentagon personnel chief during the Reagan administration from 1981 to 1985.

■ A signed statement from Bush acknowledging he could be called to active duty if he did not promptly transfer to another Guard unit after leaving Texas. The statement was required as part of a Vietnam-era crackdown on no-show Guardsmen. Bush was approved in September 1972 to train with the Alabama unit, more than four months after he left Texas.

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## IN THE WORLD

## School seizure planned months in advance

BY JIM HEINTZ

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Militants appear to have planned their seizure of a Russian school carefully, starting months earlier and sneaking weapons into the building in advance. Still, some of the raiders may not have known what they were getting into and were appalled to find they were holding children hostage.

Some of the objecting militants were killed by their own comrades, the lawyer for a captured militant told The Associated Press.

Pieces of the picture of how militants took more than 1,000 hostages at the school in Beslan were falling into place, mainly from news reports citing unspecified but presumably official sources. Officials are saying little publicly — Federal Security Service spokesman Sergei Ignatenko declined to immediately respond to questions from The Associated Press on Monday.

But the reports portray the raid as a fastidiously prepared operation — in which militants used renovation work as a cover to plant arms and explosives in the school, almost literally under authorities' noses.

School No. 1 in Beslan, which the militants seized Wednesday on the first day of the new school year, is only about 200 yards from the local police department headquarters.

Why the law-enforcement bodies didn't know and why they allowed a column of fighters to get into the city past all checkpoints — this is something that can be judged only through rumors, said newspaper Novye Izvestia said Monday.

The band of hostage-takers — some reports have said there were more than 30 — were demanding independence for Chechnya and were a mix of eth-

nicities, including Chechens and up to 10 Arabs, according to Russian officials.

After the hostage-taking ended Friday in a frenzy of shooting and explosions, Russian news agencies cited unnamed security sources as saying that the planners of the raid were believed to have scouted at least two schools in Beslan.

"Judging by everything, they felt the better one for their goals was the main building of School No. 1 with its half-basement gymnasium annex, where the floor had to be replaced," the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted a law-enforcement official as saying.

"The bandits were able to bring into the school a large quantity of weapons, ammunition, equipment and explosives, under the guise of planks, cement and other building material, enough to defend the seized place for a long period," the official said.

Regional security service head Valery Andreyev appeared to reluctantly agree. "The special services are carefully checking the version that the terrorists brought in arms, explosives and ammunition ahead of time," he said, according to the Interfax news agency.

But amid the careful preparations, the attack's planners may not have considered psychology. Umar Sikoyev, a lawyer for a captured militant identified as Nur-Pashi Kulayev, said the band's leader did not tell them what their mission was and that after the seizure a fierce argument broke out in the band, with several objecting that taking children hostage was wrong.

The raid's commander shot the dissidents' leader to death and then detonated the suicide belts worn by two women raiders by remote control to establish order in the band, Sikoyev told The Associated Press.

## Grief, mourning mixes with criticism

BY MIKE ECKEL

The Associated Press

BESLAN, Russia — Trains passing a cemetery blew their horns in respect Monday as Russia mourned the hundreds of victims of what increasingly appeared to have been a well-planned terrorist attack on a southern school. State television sharply criticized government officials for understating the scope of the crisis.

Residents of Beslan crowded around the coffins of children, parents, grandparents and teachers ahead of 120 scheduled burials during the first of two national days of mourning in Russia, which has seen more than 400 people killed in violence linked to terrorism in the past two weeks.

Other desperate families searched for the missing from the siege at School No. 1, which began Wednesday and ended Friday, 62 hours later, in explosions and shooting. Foreign planes delivered medical supplies to this grief-stricken southern region neighboring Chechnya.

The official death toll stood Monday at 335, plus 30 attackers, who had been heavily armed with weapons and explosives and had reportedly demanded the withdrawal of Russian troops from Chechnya.

The regional health ministry said 326 of the dead had been hostages, and the Emergency Situations Ministry said 156 of the dead were children.

A Russian prosecutor said the hostage-takers belonged to a cell formed by radical Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev, the Interfax news agency reported.

Mikhail Lapotnikov, a senior investigator in the North Caucasus prosecutors' office, said the investigation had established that the group had taken part in the June attack targeting police and security officials in the neighboring republic of Ingushetia, Interfax said. Eighty-eight people were killed in that raid, which was also blamed on Basayev.

Criticism of the government response to the tragedy was mounting.

"At such moments, society needs the truth," Rostislav television commentator Sergei Brilyov said Sunday night.

Yet the criticism, which was almost certainly sanctioned by the Kremlin, stopped short of the president himself.

Brilyov blamed the "system of administration,"



Relatives of Larisa Rudik, 32, who was killed in the school hostage siege, weep Monday during her funeral in Beslan, Russia. Townspeople crowded around the coffins of children, parents, grandparents and teachers ahead of the 120 burials scheduled in the town cemetery and adjoining fields Monday.

where "everything hangs on the bravery of the rank and file, but generals can't bring themselves to act until the president throws stones to them." On Saturday, President Vladimir Putin had criticized Russia's law enforcement agencies for failing to rise to the challenge of terrorism.

The Federal Security Service chief in North Ossetia, Valery Andreyev, has said investigators were looking into whether militants had smuggled the explosives and weapons into the school and hidden them during summer renovations.

Among the first to be killed in Beslan were Zinaida Kudzyeva, 42, and her 10-year-old daughter, Madina Tomayeva. Relatives said the two had tried to flee the school when the first explosions went off and found themselves in the line of fire between the militants and Russian forces.

"They couldn't run away. They didn't have time," said Irakly Khosuev, a relative from nearby Vladikavkaz. "Someone should answer for this."

## Pakistan says it has no location information on bin Laden

Plays down U.S. official's remark on progress

BY MUNIR AHMAD

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan on Monday played down comments by a top U.S. counterterrorism official that progress has been made recently in the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

Information Minister Shahid Rashid Ahmed described the remarks by J. Cofer Black, the U.S. State Department coordinator for counterterrorism who visited Pakistan last week — as a "political statement."

"We don't have any information about bin Laden," Ahmed said. He refused to elaborate on what he meant by "political."

In an interview Saturday, Black referred to bin Laden, saying, "If he has a watch, he should be caught if it became the clock is ticking. He will be caught."

Asked if concrete progress had

been made in the hunt for the al-Qaida leader during the last two months — when Pakistan has arrested dozens of terror suspects, including some key al-Qaida operatives — Black said, "Yes, I would say this."

Black said Black "may have this information, but we do not have any such thing."

Pakistan is a key ally of the United States in its war on terror, and during Black's visit, Pakistan asked Washington to provide more helicopters and surveillance equipment to help it capture or eliminate al-Qaida suspects near the Afghan border.

Black hailed Pakistan's counterterrorism efforts. His visit came weeks after Pakistani authorities captured Ahmed Khalifa Ghailani, an al-Qaida wanted in the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in east Africa, and Mohammed Naeem Noor Khan, a Pakistani

## Pakistanis plan anti-U.S. rallies on Sept. 11

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A coalition of radical Pakistani Islamic groups plans to stage rallies on the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States to condemn Washington for "creating anarchy" in the world, an official said Monday.

"We want to convince people that peace is becoming difficult in the world because of American policies after the Sept. 11 attacks," said Shahid Shamsi, a spokesman for the Muthadha Majlis-e-Amal, an United Action Forum, opposition coalition. "The rally will be staged with reference to the Sept. 11 attacks because (the American atti-

tude is creating further anarchy in the world," Shamsi said.

The MMA has an influential bloc of lawmakers in Pakistan's Parliament. It opposed the war that ousted the Taliban regime in neighboring Afghanistan and President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's support of the U.S.-led war on terrorism. It also has condemned the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Shamsi said plans for the rallies, to be held across the country, were still being worked out, and would not estimate how many people would take part. Previous MMA rallies have drawn thousands in cities around Pakistan, particularly Karachi. About 3,000 people were killed in the 2001 attacks on New York and Washington.

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# Latvian jail experiences renaissance of sorts

Citizens pay for night of Cold War experience

BY TIMOTHY JACOBS

The Associated Press

**LIEPAJA, Latvia** — After the ill-tempered guard clanged the cell door shut, the darkness was enveloping and complete. Then lights flashed and a voice barked: "Face the wall! Hands behind your back!"

In the room, under pictures of Lenin and Stalin, a stern-faced Soviet army officer sat hunched over a desk, smoking. "What are you doing in a restricted military zone?" he demanded.

So began an unusual Latvian exercise in retro-chic: a night in a Soviet-era slammer.

Each weekend, about 25 people pay \$5 Lats (\$9.20) to spend the night being bullied and interrogated in a prison haunted by Latvia's 20th-century miseries. Real and fake mix together in grisly harmony: Visitors witness the re-enactment of a prisoner being shot after his third escape attempt and visit the mass grave of 160 real inmates nearby.

Those inmates were shot during the 1941-44 German occupation of Latvia. Then came the Soviet reoccupation, which ended in 1991. Now comes the age of nostalgia, as this Baltic democracy of 2.3 million people moves

ever further from its painful past.

Tourists and locals alike can experience it in the prison at the Karosta, or "war port," in the coastal city of Liepaja.

Built originally as a military hospital in 1903, the red-brick building was converted to a prison two years later and used until 1997.

The prison sat empty until 2002, when a group of Liepaja residents led by tourism agent Liga Engelmane formed the Partnership to Save Karosta, whose well-chosen Latvian initials are KGB, and offered interactive tours.

"Inmates" can pay \$3.70 for a 90-minute daytime tour that includes being locked in a cell and a trip to the infirmary, or buy the \$9.20 package billed as an "extreme night."

Extreme nights are not for the fainthearted. The cubicles are damp and the "extreme toilet" is four holes in the floor.

Visitors do calisthenics to stay warm and sleep on planks with fleas for company. Those who obey orders may be sent to solitary confinement. "You are exiting Hell," says an inscription above the door, written by a real-life inmate long ago.

Liepaja, like many Latvian cit-



"Inmates" watch as guards lead a "condemned" man to his execution in this undated image from the Karosta, or "war port," section of the Latvian coastal city of Liepaja. Each weekend, about 25 people pay 5 Lats (\$9.20) to spend the night being bullied and interrogated in a prison haunted by Latvia's 20th-century miseries.

ies, is losing many vestiges of its Soviet past as it becomes more westernized. Sunbathers now cover Liepaja's white sand beaches where Soviet tanks were once stationed with their guns pointed toward a possible Baltic Sea invasion.

So why go through all this when you can lie on Liepaja's sandy beaches or enjoy the nearby art display?

"It allows you to return to the past and to see how it was really done," said Martins Jaungailis, a

20-year-old college student from Riga, the capital.

"I don't feel threatened, so it's not so realistic in that way," he said. "But it's a good idea for anyone who hasn't lived through those times."

## 'Vanity Fair' vies for top Venice Film Festival title

BY TOM RACHMAN

The Associated Press

**VENICE, Italy** — "Vanity Fair" gave Reese Witherspoon a chance to buck the on-screen custom of portraying 19th-century women as corset-restrained ornaments, with the actress describing her willful and ambitious character as a prototype for modern feminism.

The movie — adapted from William Makepeace Thackeray's novel — was the first of three American movies competing for best picture at the Venice Film Festival. At a press preview Sunday, the film was applauded, but did not receive the raucous cheers that often hint at a poten-

tial winner.

"Vanity Fair" tells the story of Becky Sharp, a girl from the gutters who bullies her way upward in class-conscious British society despite monumental scorn. The character has sometimes been described as an unscrupulous social climber, but director Mira Nair's film depicts her far more sympathetically.

"Becky Sharp was sort of an early feminist," Witherspoon said. "Now we think of ambitious women all the time. We see politicians, and actors and actresses — different people making their way in society. ... I do think she's one of the early, early prototypes for feminism in literature."

BY MARK LAVIE

The Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** — If an army marches on its stomach, Israel's military is getting too good at it — more than half the soldiers in the regular army are overweight, according to an army publication.

The exact figure is 57 percent, not much less than the 63 percent of the Israeli population found to be overweight, the soldiers' weekly "Ramahane" reports in its current issue — but these are, after all, soldiers — Israel's fighting machine.

The weekly said the military has been studying the issue since 1991 and found that the fatter soldiers are between the ages of 45 and 54. "Our professional soldiers are in bad shape," complained Maj. Dorit Tekes, the doctor in charge of periodic medical exams in the military.

Most Israeli men do compulsory service for three years from age 18. Afterward, some sign up for the regular army as professional soldiers.

While it's been documented that many Israeli men start gaining weight in their mid-20s after their release from the army, the ongoing army study shows the same problem appears among the men who stay in uniform.

Israeli military officers are carrying on the same debate as doc-

tors around the world about what is causing a widespread epidemic of flabbiness.

"Obesity is not a problem — it's a disease," Tekes said.

"Perhaps it's a disease that's fun to catch, because it results from eating too much chocolate and other fattening foods," she said, "but it's still an illness in every sense of the word."

Others are not so sure. The army's chief dietitian, Capt. Lital Halper, said at least part of the problem can be found on the table of the typical army staff meeting — cookies, pastries and soft drinks.

The chief of staff of the Israeli military, Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, a trim and slim 54, has declared war on army flab, requiring officers to shape up and take regular fitness tests.

While dieting in civilian life can be seen as optional or something to be done tomorrow if at all, there is a military view of the issue of flabbiness that takes no prisoners.

"I don't think obesity is a disease," said Col. Yehuda Kushnir, commander of the army food center, disagreeing with Tekes, the doctor. Kushnir, who himself shed 55 pounds, says it's a straightforward equation — you weigh what you eat. "This is simply a matter of self-discipline for military officers," said Kushnir, who outranks Tekes.



Actress Reese Witherspoon attends the 61st Venice Film Festival in Italy on Sunday, while presenting her latest movie, "Vanity Fair."

## Posthumous panda sellers arrested

**TOKYO** — Two men have been arrested in western Japan in the alleged sale of a dead panda said Monday that had been stuffed for display, police said Monday.

Yasunori Ueda is accused of selling the stuffed endangered animal to Noboru Ichii in Osaka prefecture in March, a Tokyo Metropolitan Police spokesman said on Monday.

Ichii is then suspected of having listed the animal for auction on the Yahoo Japan site in April, asking 8 million yen (\$72,000) for it, the spokesman said.

It wasn't clear when or how the giant panda died before it was stuffed. Environment Ministry officials who saw the panda for sale on the Internet alerted police.

Japanese law bans buying or selling endangered animal and plant species. If convicted, the men could face up to one year in prison and a 1 million yen (\$9,000) fine.

## Sea of confusion over sea's name

**TOKYO** — Is it the "Sea of Japan," the "East Sea," or the "Korean East Sea"? For decades Japan and the Koreans have tussled over the name of the water between them.

In a bid to bolster its argument for "Sea of Japan," Tokyo is sending experts to the U.S. Library of Congress to scrutinize 19th-century maps of Asia.

Japan claims the "Sea of Japan" name is historically established and currently used by more than 97 percent of the maps around the world.

South Korea, however, calls the body of water the "East Sea," while communist North Korea uses "Korean East Sea." The issue has emotional overtones as Japan ruled the Korean Peninsula as a colony from 1910 to 1945.

Both North and South Korea argue that Japan's more widely recognized name is a vestige of that time and should be changed.

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## Labor-saving kitchen tips and fast and easy recipes

By DeCA Europe Consumer Advocate Kay Blakely

Even though the first Monday in September is officially set aside for America's annual national tribute to the contributions of women, we have made toward the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country, the day finds most of us in the midst of a mini-vacation -- a final farewell to summer, surrounded by good friends, good fun, and good food. And, why not? Every worker, including us queens and kings of the kitchen, needs to take a break now and then. American laborers are admired the world over not only for the quality of items produced, but also for the ingenuity applied to the production processes. Wherever the principles of working smarter rather than harder have been incorporated, from manufacturing plant, to office suite, to home kitchens, impressive results have abounded.

Consumer surveys indicate that quick and easy dishes, including those that are pre-cut, pre-cooked, or pre-mixed, are rated highly desirable by nearly one-fourth of today's food shoppers. The major disadvantage is that many commercially packaged "convenience foods" are much higher in calories, fat, sugars, and/or sodium, and are almost always more expensive than the same dish made mostly from scratch.

There are two major exceptions for commissary shoppers, though. Because commissaries sell products at cost, you don't pay for the labor that goes into making a fruit/vegetable tray or package of freshly cut stir-fry vegetables made in your store's produce department. The same goes for a fully-cooked, ready-to-serve rotisserie chicken produced in your store's deli department. These are labor-saving/convenience examples of the best kind. Take advantage of them as often as you can. Also apply a few of the following "work smart" principles gleaned both from time management experts and from efficient cooks who happen to be commissary employees as well. The speed with which you are able to get a quality and economical meal on the table may surprise you!

• **Make a plan:** It doesn't have to be detailed or elaborate -- even a mental note to write tonight's main dish will be allows you to work out any logistics issues during the drive-time home from work or car-pool duty with the kids, then hit the kitchen like a whirlwind as soon as you arrive.

• **Arrange the kitchen according to workflow:** Make sure foods, utensils, and equipment are arranged conveniently for fast-paced work,

and try to eliminate as many steps as possible.

• **Keep a running shopping list:** Attach an envelope to your refrigerator door, and jot down items, as you need them. Place coupons related to your list in the envelope, and by the time shopping day rolls around you'll have already completed the major part of this task.

• **Use labor-saving devices and gadgets judiciously:** A food processor saves time and effort if you have a large volume of food to slice and dice, but consider the amount of time it takes to assemble the machine then take it all apart, clean and put it all away. For small jobs, it may make more sense to use a knife and cutting board instead.

• **Cook once -- eat twice is always good labor-saving advice:** DeCA Europe's Public Affairs Officer Gert Young complained that she had trouble using an entire package of bacon before it went bad, until she discovered she could cook the whole package at once, keep the leftover slices in the freezer, and use a slice or two as needed by popping them into the microwave for a quick thaw and warm-up. Smart girl! Instead of browning one pound of hamburger for tonight's recipe, brown two or three pounds at once. It takes about the same amount of time, and only leaves one pan to wash. Divide and freeze the unused portions for later use.

• **Clean as you go:** This has always been your Commissary Lady's motto, and with some of the very small European kitchens we use it's almost a necessity. Start your kitchen session with all the clean dishes put away and the dishwasher empty.

Incorporate these tips into your own kitchen routine, and try a few of the following fast, easy and delicious recipes from your friends at the commissary.

### Oven Potatoes

- 6 Small white all-purpose potatoes
- 1-2 Tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- Caraway seed, or a combination of sesame seed and paprika

Line an oven tray or cookie sheet with aluminum foil and generously brush the foil with oil. Use like to use olive oil, but if any vegetable oil is fine. Scrub the potatoes clean, pat dry and slice each in half lengthwise. Coat the cut side of potatoes with caraway seed, sesame seed, or any spices you like, but do not use salt, as it draws the moisture out of the potatoes.

Place potatoes, cut side down, on foil lined cookie sheet, and bake at 400°F for 20 to

30 minutes. When the skins start to look a bit wrinkled, they are ready to eat.

### Waterside Salad

- 1 can (15 oz.) crushed pineapple with juice
  - 1 (8oz) container whipping topping
  - 1 box pistachio pudding, dry
  - 1 cup miniature marshmallows
  - 1/2 cup coconut
  - 1/2 cup chopped pecans
  - 1 1/2 cups or half an (8oz) container whipping topping
- Maraschino cherries to garnish, if desired
- Mix together first six ingredients until well blended. Gently fold in whipping topping. Cover and chill at least 1 hour before serving. Garnish with maraschino cherries.

### Italian Stir-Fry

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small zucchini, cut in half lengthwise, then sliced crosswise
- 1 small yellow squash, cut in half lengthwise, then sliced crosswise
- 1 bell pepper, any color, roughly chopped
- 1 onion, roughly chopped
- Fresh mushrooms, sliced
- Italian (Roma) tomatoes, diced
- Season with your choice, or a mixture of oregano, parsley, and/or garlic
- Grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oil over medium heat. Add vegetables and seasonings and stir-fry until tomatoes become soft and saucy. Generously sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and serve.

### Summer Spaghetti

- 1 package spaghetti
- 1 pound cherry tomatoes
- 1-2 cloves garlic, or to taste
- Fresh basil, chopped, a fist full
- Olive oil

Bring water to boil; in the meantime cut the cleaned cherry tomatoes, in half, placing them in the pasta-serving bowl. Crush the garlic in the same bowl. Chop basil and add to bowl; cover the mixture with a generous amount of olive oil, add salt and pepper to taste, and let it sit. Cook spaghetti, according to package instructions, drain and dump in bowl; mix well and serve with freshly grated Pecorino or Parmesan cheese.

### Garlic Potatoes

- 5-6 baking potatoes
  - 1 1/2 to 2 pints heavy cream
  - 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
  - Garlic powder, and salt and pepper to taste.
- Slice potatoes, very thinly into 9"x13" casserole. Sprinkle generously with salt, pepper, and garlic powder. Pour heavy cream over potatoes until they are almost \_ of the way covered. Top with mozzarella and bake at 350°F for 90 minutes.

If top starts to get too brown, cover with an aluminum foil tent, but leave the casserole open enough that steam can escape.

### Chocolate Toffee Bar Cake

- 1 (18.5-oz.) German chocolate cake mix
  - 1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
  - 1 (12.25-oz.) jar caramel topping
  - 8-oz. of frozen whipping cream, thawed
  - 3 (1.4 oz.) English toffee candy bars, crushed
- Prepare cake according to package directions in a greased 13"x9" pan. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Gently poke holes in top of cake using the end of a wooden spoon (wee spoon clean after each hole). Combine sweetened condensed milk and caramel topping in a small bowl; slowly pour over cake. Spread whipping topping over cake. Sprinkle with crushed candy bar. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Yield: 12 servings.



Quick and easy favorites from the good cooks at your commissary. Clockwise from lower left: Summer Spaghetti, by Roberto Miller, Ariano Commissary; Oven Potatoes, by Ugo Giavardola, Bamberg Commissary; Garlic Potatoes, by Willie Kroes, Spangdahlem Commissary; Italian Stir-Fry and Waterside Salad, by Laurel Henley, RAF Croughton Commissary; and Chocolate Toffee Bar Cake, by Bev Clark, DeCA Europe Region Headquarters.





## IN THE STATES



AP photos

**Right:** Tom Blanke starts cleaning up his yard Monday after a 60-foot magnolia tree fell on his car in the driveway in the Ashebourne subdivision of Doctors Lake, near Jacksonville, Fla., following Hurricane Frances. **Above:** Two women look at photos on a digital camera Monday as the surf crashes against the sea wall at Bayshore Boulevard in Tampa, Fla., as the remnants of Frances pass through.



# Fla. takes a second wallop from Frances

BY DAVID ROYSE  
The Associated Press

PANACEA, Fla. — Tropical Storm Frances plowed ashore on the Florida Panhandle on Monday, its second U.S. landfall after causing flooding and tearing up homes and boats across the center of the state. About 6 million people lost power and at least four people were killed.

After crossing part of the Gulf of Mexico, Frances' center hit land at about 2 p.m. some 20 miles south of Tallahassee with top sustained wind near 65 mph, the National Hurricane Center said. The storm was moving north-northwest at about 8 mph, and was not expected to regain hurricane strength, forecasters said.

After passing through the Panhandle, Frances will move into Georgia and Alabama. Radar showed rain already spreading across Georgia into parts of South Carolina and North Carolina.

As northern Florida residents dealt with Frances, residents in hard-hit areas began the arduous task of cleaning up.

More than 13 inches of rain had fallen across Florida's central east coast, flooding some areas 4 feet deep, before Frances finished crossing the state and entered the Gulf of Mexico late Sunday.

State officials urged people to stay where they were because of the possibility of flooding in the Panhandle and the difficulty of finding service stations still in operation.

"Our message is turn around, don't drown. If you do not have to travel, don't do so," state meteorologist Ben Nelson said Monday, warning of possible storm surges of up to 10 feet. Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings said officials were working to get fuel from reopened ports to emergency workers and gas stations.

Not everyone held the warning, even as rain began falling heavily Monday in the Panhandle. Tamara Suarez decided to open the Cafe Con Leche in the historic fishing and oyster village of Apalachicola because "it's bet-

ter to be here than at home, just waiting and waiting and waiting."

In the Miami area, which was spared the worst of the storm, businesses started to pull down shutters and reopen. Cruise ships packed the Port of Miami after being stalled out at sea during the storm. On Ocean Drive in Miami Beach, hotels and bars welcomed the few tourists and residents who ventured out.

"I think we're going to have a lot of people who were cooped up and want to have a drink," said Mike Palma, general manager of the Cleveland Hotel.

Airports in Fort Lauderdale, Martin County, Miami, Palm Beach, Orlando and Tampa reopened, but Tallahassee Regional Airport was partially closed. Northbound Interstate 95 was partially reopened in Palm Beach County after a section of the major highway along Florida's east coast was washed out. In the Tampa-St. Petersburg area, authorities closed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge across Tampa Bay because of high wind.

Meanwhile, following Florida's bouts with Frances and Charley, Ivan had become the fifth Atlantic hurricane of the year, growing rapidly to a Category 3 storm. At 5 a.m. EDT, Ivan's center was about 305 miles east-southeast of Barbados. It was expected to hit the island of 280,000 residents by Tuesday morning and was moving toward the west-northwest near 22 mph.

Officials said it was too soon to say whether Ivan would hit the southeastern United States, but Miami-Dade County Manager George Burgess had warned on Sunday: "You might want to be smart about whether you take down your shutters."

Frances' path crossed some of the area hit by Charley, which killed 27 people and caused an estimated \$7.4 billion in insured damage. One risk-assessment company estimated insured losses from Frances could range any-

where from \$2 billion to \$10 billion, but a state official said it could be on the low end of that range.

"If it's the same all the way across, we're looking at a couple of billion dollars rather than the big numbers we were seeing earlier," state Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher, who oversees the insurance industry, said Monday. Experts estimate that total damages are typically about double insured losses.

Parts of downtown Tampa were flooded Monday. In Daytona Beach, one of the hardest-hit cities, roofs were torn off several small hotels and the Peabody Auditorium, where the London Symphony Orchestra appears annually. The sign across the coastal

highway proclaiming Daytona "The World's Most Famous Beach" was destroyed. Most of Daytona Beach and about a third of the state's 17 million residents remained without power, officials said at the briefing.

The storm was blamed for at least four deaths in Florida, including a grandson and a former son-in-law of Florida State University football coach Bobby Bowden who were killed in a collision on a rain-slippery highway, the Florida Highway Patrol said. There were two deaths in the Bahamas, where thousands were forced from their homes.

Eleven suspected looters were arrested in Palm Beach, Orange and Indian River counties.

At one point, about 2.8 million

people in 40 counties were told to evacuate from coastal areas, barrier islands, mobile homes and low-lying areas. An estimated 79,000 people were still in emergency shelters Monday, down from about 108,000 on Sunday, in the largest evacuation in state history; thousands of others had gone to hotels or stayed with friends or family members.

Associated Press writers Allen G. Breed in Miami, Jill Barton in West Palm Beach, Tim Reynolds in Stuart, Mike Schneider in Orlando, Ron Worn in Daytona Beach, Angie Wagner in Palm Bay and Brent Kallestad in Tallahassee also contributed to this report.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Sept. 7)	107.00
South Korean won (Sept. 6)	1,120.00
Euro	\$1.26
British pound	\$1.84
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.775
Canada (Dollar)	0.708
Denmark (Krone)	6.107
Egypt (Pound)	6.50
Euro	\$1.2071
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.796
Hungary (Forint)	203.75
India (Rupee)	23.666
Israel (Shekel)	4.5106
Japan (Yen)	110.60
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	0.8239
Philippines (Peso)	56.66
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.361
South Korea (Won)	1,7043
Singapore (Dollar)	1.1491
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2693
Thailand (Baht)	48.23
Turkey (Lira)	1,515,152.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for nonlocal currency exchange rates. The Netherlands and the United Kingdom, for instance, have no military banking facilities. Commercial rates are inter-bank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign bank rates in U.S. dollars, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)


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Silver	\$6.553

## INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	2.50
Federal funds market rate	1.50
3-month bill	1.64
30-year bond	5.06

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com



## Cents and Sensibility

### Money tip of the day

# Internships will work

CBS MarketWatch

**NEW YORK** — For many young people, a first job is preceded by at least one internship, often either unpaid or for credit. It's an opportunity that shouldn't be wasted.

An internship is a great way to get your foot in the door at any company and gain valuable on-the-job skills. To make the most of your internship:

■ Treat it as seriously as you would a real job. Show up on time, and dress appropriately.

■ Keep a positive attitude. Not all internships will be happy experiences, but you should aim to leave a good impression. Don't whine or complain about work

while at the office; save that for home.

■ Be proactive. As the low man on the totem pole, you may not be given much to do.

■ Complete assignments in a timely manner, and then ask your supervisor what else you can do to help.

■ Treat menial tasks as an opportunity. If you're asked to file papers, do it with a smile. But there's a difference between doing an errand and spending a whole day running errands — talk to your supervisor if your internship turns into a game of hide-and-seek.

■ Network. Introduce yourself to everyone in the office. Before your internship ends, collect a business card from everyone you worked with.



# Clinton begins recovery from heart surgery

BY SAM DOLNICK  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former President Clinton underwent successful heart bypass surgery Monday at a Manhattan hospital and was resting comfortably, his spokesman said.

A medical team at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia performed the procedure. Preparations for the surgery began at about 6:45 a.m., said a hospital source who spoke on condition of anonymity. Clinton spokesman Jim Kennedy confirmed that the surgery was complete and successful just before 1:30 p.m.

Clinton, 58, was hospitalized Friday after suffering chest pains and shortness of breath.

It remained unclear exactly how many arteries were involved. A source close to the Clinton family has said three or four of Clinton's arteries were clogged.

In bypass surgery, doctors remove one or more blood vessels from elsewhere in the body and attach them to arteries serving the heart, detouring blood around blockages. The vessel typically comes from elsewhere in the chest, although doctors sometimes take one from an arm, a leg or the stomach.

Doctors say the surgery is a routine procedure and Clinton should recover within a month or two.

The former president and his family issued a statement on the Clinton Foundation's Web site on Sunday, saying they felt "blessed and grateful for the thousands of



Chelsea Clinton comes to visit her father, former President Bill Clinton, at the New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia in New York on Saturday. Clinton underwent what doctors called a successful surgery Monday and is recovering.

prayers and messages of good will we have received these past few days."

"While bypass surgery certainly isn't something to look forward to, we are very lucky that the condition was detected in time to have this procedure before something more serious occurred," the statement said.

The Web site said Clinton had received more than 30,000 get-well messages over the past several days.

The surgical team was led by Dr. Craig R. Smith, the hospital's chief of cardiothoracic surgery.

Clinton has blamed the blockage in part on genetics — there is a history of heart disease in his mother's family — but also said he "may have done some damage in those years when I was too careless about what I ate."

As president, Clinton was an avid jogger also known for his love of fast food. He has appeared much slimmer since early in the year, when he said he had cut out junk food, gone on the South Beach diet — which limits carbohydrates and fats — and started a workout regimen.

Clinton had a cancerous growth removed from his back shortly after leaving office. In 1996, he had a precancerous lesion removed from his nose and a year before that had a benign cyst taken off his chest.

But otherwise, Clinton suffered only the usual problems that often accompany normal aging and a taste for junk food — periods of slightly elevated cholesterol and hearing loss. In 1997, he was fitted with hearing aids, and he also battled allergies.

Clinton should spend less than a week in the hospital, and while he may have some mood swings, loss of appetite or constipation, difficulty sleeping or other problems afterward, he should fully recover soon.

"For a young, healthy guy like him, I really expect a good recovery," said Dr. Mamoud Bakhou, chairman of cardiovascular surgery at Loyola University Health System.

The hospital where Clinton underwent the procedure is one of the country's premier hospitals for heart surgery, ranked seventh in the nation this year by U.S. News & World Report.

In 2001, New York Presbyterian's Columbia center, where Clinton is being operated on, had the highest death rate for bypasses at a state Health Department report — 3.7 percent, or 3.9 percent when adjusted for various risk factors.

But the hospital's death rate for bypasses has dropped each year since then — to 1.9 percent in 2002, 0.8 percent in 2003 and 0.6 percent in the first half of 2004, hospital spokeswoman Myrna Manners said.



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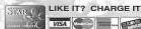
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# COMING THIS FALL!

# Pool: Majority of Americans like their jobs

BY WILL LESTER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—A majority of Americans say they find satisfaction in their jobs, according to an Associated Press poll, though many express concern about job stress, health care and retirement benefits.

Peggy Branan, a 44-year-old nurse in the New Orleans area, is among about half of the population who say they are "very satisfied" with their job. "I feel blessed to be able to get paid for what I enjoy doing," said Branan, a nurse for 21 years. "I'm very active in my church. My role as a nurse is a way to fulfill my role as a Catholic."

Seven in 10 surveyed said they are paid fairly. Men were more likely than women to feel this way.

For Branan, work is an important part of who she is. That same feeling was shared by six in 10 workers.

As people celebrated Labor Day this weekend, about nine in 10 workers say they find their job at least somewhat satisfying, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

"The level of the public's satisfaction with work is high and has been quite stable for the last 30 years," said Tom Smith, director of the General Social Survey at the National Opinion Research Center in Chicago.

One of the more frequent complaints is the growing amount of stress at work.

In the poll, 34 percent said they were dissatisfied with the amount of stress. Other leading complaints included opportunities advancement as well as health and retirement benefits.

Adults age 18 to 29 were most likely to say their job was something they mainly do to earn money.

For 24-year-old Annie Blasee of Chicago, her full-time job selling health care software is relatively enjoyable. Still, her main love is freelance writing, which is part time. "The sales I do to pay the

rent and pay bills," Blasee said. "But the writing, that's my catharsis. It has more to do with who I am as a person."

People older than 30 were more likely to say they were very satisfied with their jobs.

"I've got a lot of responsibility — taking care of the highways," said Larry Turner, a 55-year-old supervisor of highway work in West Virginia.

Those most likely to say they were very satisfied were white, married, college-educated, homeowners and Republicans.

The poll found that 42 percent said their jobs were interesting nearly all the time. One-half of those surveyed said their job is interesting most of the time, but has dull stretches.

Women were more likely than men to say their jobs were interesting nearly all the time. Some 61 percent felt strongly that they do a good job balancing work and family.

About the same number of men and women made this claim, although those who work more than 40 hours a week were less certain they have struck the balance.

For 36-year-old Curtis Porterfield, having a 4-year-old son and a second child on the way is reason enough to achieve a balance.

"I have to work a full week to make ends meet," said Porterfield, a water quality specialist from Lakeland, Fla. "When overtime is available, I don't usually take it. I could use the pay, but I would rather spend the time with my family."

The poll also found that:

■ 36 percent of those surveyed strongly agreed that their job allows them to reach their full potential.

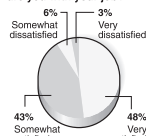
■ People were evenly split on how they feel about going back to work after a long weekend or a few days off.

The AP-Ipsos poll of 589 workers was taken Aug. 16-18 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

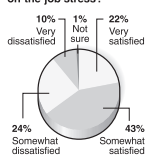
## Workers' attitudes about their jobs

A recent Associated Press poll found that most Americans are satisfied with their jobs, but many worry about stress and benefits.

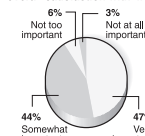
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your job?



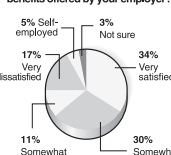
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the amount of on-the-job stress?



How important is your job to your overall satisfaction with life?



How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the health insurance benefits offered by your employer?



NOTE: The poll of 1,001 adults by Ipsos-Public Affairs was taken Aug. 16-18. It included 589 workers with a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

SOURCE: Ipsos-Public Affairs

AP

## New Web site delivers personalized stamps

BY TED ANTHONY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — America's first postage stamps appeared in 1847

— rough, unperfected squares of ink and paper that depicted George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. The portraits in miniature oiled gravures and, in their quiet way, nudged along a growing national identity.

Over the next 157 years, hundreds of American luminaries, landscapes and milestones have appeared inside the small canvas that we stick onto the envelope's corner: Lincoln. Daniel Webster. The Statue of Liberty. The moon missions. Pecosaurus. Cape Hatteras. Scott Joplin. Herman Melville. Your dog.

Your dog? Yep. Your dog. And your new baby, your grandfather, your car, your floral arrangement, your Chevy truck, even your bathroom sink if that's what floats your postal boat.

Thanks to a new test program by a firm called Stamps.com, any picture uploaded from your computer — well, almost any picture — can, for \$16.99, become a sheet of made-to-order postage stamps that can be used on any envelope.

Initial reports indicate success. In the first three weeks since the test program debuted Aug. 10, the company has taken orders for

40,000 sheets.

"It's created a new way for people to express themselves," says Ken McBride, Stamps.com's CEO.

That's 21st-Century Modern Marketing Principle No. 1: In today's buyer-driven, niche-marketed-to-the-nth-degree world, customization reigns. And technology is giving consumers new relationships with their products by effectively putting the means of production into their hands.

But as the cult of individuality steers the marketplace, a pivotal question arises: In a world of products, is there a role for national consciousness? Beyond the flag itself, should we be customizing every piece of our world? Postage was long part of the fabric of national identity in a far-flung land sewing itself together.

But turning the stamp in "Your Photo Here," while exciting, isn't the same cultural expression.

"It's saying, 'postage is about me' rather than some national notion," says Roy Rosenzweig, director of the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University.

One of the point of stamps was to tell us who we are," Rosenzweig says. PhotoStamps, though, represent "a symbol of some wider set of changes that are already out there — people identify-



Interested in a new way to express yourself? Try Stamps.com, led by CEO Ken McBride, above, at the company's Los Angeles office. Stamps.com allows customers to purchase personalized postage stamps containing a picture that can be uploaded from a computer and converted to a valid, made-to-order adhesive stamp, with the backing of the U.S. Postal Service. But, remember, not every picture will do.

ing with smaller groups, but marketplaces instead of countries."

The logistics raise some provocative issues, too.

What of stamp collectors? Would self-generated postage create new rarities daily — or would it be as valueless as paper from an ink-jet printer? "We don't expect these ever to become collectible because there are infinite va-

rieties and infinite options," says Allison Galloway, a spokeswoman for the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum.

Anything "objectionable" is forbidden (all submissions are vetted by two Stamps.com employees, each presumably with the general knowledge of a "Jeopardy" contestant), making it unlikely that porn-star postage will be debuting anytime soon.

## Eating champ adds another win at Buffalo wing contest

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A woman weighing barely 100 pounds gobbled more than five pounds of chicken wings to set a new world record and win the U.S.A. Chicken Wing Eating Championship at the National Buffalo Wing Festival.

Sonya Thomas of Alexandria, Va., ate 161 wings in 12 minutes Sunday. She has won several other eating contests. She said she prepared by eating only one meal Saturday and not eating at all before the contest Sunday.

A record 66,000 people attended the three-day wing festival, according to the Buffalo News, which also featured a hobnobbing contest with a pool full of Buffalo wings and blue cheese dressing.

People devoured more than 18 tons of wings at the festival.



Thomas

# Experts: Dirty bomb seems to be inevitable

By KEAY DAVIDSON

San Francisco Chronicle

A flood of radioactive sources, from discarded cancer treatment machines advertised on the Internet to misplaced industrial gadgets that turn up in junkyards, have yet to be corralled by U.S. authorities three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, experts say — and could easily be exploited by terrorists seeking to make a dirty bomb.

The material is so abundant and easy to obtain, the experts say, that it is almost inevitable that a U.S. city will be the target of a bomb salted with radioactive waste.

And if a terrorist attaches ordinary chemical explosives to sto-

len radioactive sources, then detonates the bomb in or over a city — spreading a "hot" plume over a huge urban area — the consequences could be devastating.

Despite valiant efforts by emergency preparedness and military agencies to prepare for such an attack — including a simulated dirty bomb "attack" in Los Angeles on Aug. 5-6 — a real-life, devastating attack could cause property losses far in excess of Sept. 11 and have unforeseeable health effects, analysts warn.

The list of woes includes:

- "There are more than 2 million radioactive sources in the U.S. (that are) used for medical procedures, research and industrial processes," noted Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., in a

statement late last year. "In the past five years, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that nearly 1,500 radioactive sources have been reported lost or stolen in the U.S., but less than half of them have been found."

- The Internet provides a potential route for the irresponsible to obtain deadly radioactive sources, Markey warned in mid-August. As an example of what he called the "atomic eBay," he cited a recent online offer by a hospital in Beirut to give away — for free — a used cancer therapy machine, containing a highly radioactive cobalt-60 source, to anyone who would pay to remove it.

- Because radioactive grains can "chemically bind to asphalt, concrete and glass," in the words

of Jaime M. Yassif of the Federation of American Scientists, some cleanups might require the use of exotic new tools such as concrete-eating bacteria. Just locating all contaminants could be nearly impossible, given the ease with which they're absorbed by soil and disappear into cracks in wood and pavement.

While there's disagreement over how many people would be killed in a dirty-bomb assault — perhaps thousands, perhaps a few, perhaps nobody if people evacuated quickly enough to safe sites where they could remove contaminated clothing, then shower — the economic impact could be cataclysmic.

The long-term health issues are difficult to assess.

For many decades, experts

have fiercely debated radioactivity's lasting effect on the human body. Some experts believe that radioactivity below a certain intensity isn't dangerous; others say there is no safe level of radiation. Given the uncertainty about health effects, some experts regard a dirty bomb as being, first and foremost, a psychological weapon, one that sparks mass hysteria and social disruption.

The news isn't all bad. Three years after the Sept. 11 attacks, federal authorities have made progress toward rounding up radioactive sources. In May, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham announced that the Department of Energy "surpassed a congressional target of recovering and securing 5,000 radioactive sources domestically within an 18-month time period."

## Pair of brothers arrested for N.C. State tailgate shooting

By MICHAEL FELBERBAUM

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Two brothers were arrested in the shooting deaths of two young men at a tailgate party before a college football game, authorities said.

Witnesses said a fistfight preceded the shootings Saturday evening.

The victims, identified as Kevin M. McCann, 23, of Chicago, and Marine 2nd Lt.

Brett Johnson Harman, 23, of Park Ridge, Ill., were tailgating before North Carolina State University's season-opening football game against Richmond. Neither was a student at the university.

Tony Harrell Johnson, 20, of Raleigh, and his brother, Timothy Wayne Johnson, 22, an N.C. State student, were arrested a short time later and charged with two counts of first-degree murder, said sheriff's department spokeswoman Phyllis

Stephens.

A witness, Brian Smith, 31, said the victims had been tossing a football when a car drove recklessly in a parking lot packed with football fans. He said the men pulled the blond-haired driver from his car and beat him, pushing his head into the dirt.

The blond man left in his car, shouting curses and threatening revenge, Smith said. He returned later and asked Smith

where to find the men who had beaten him, saying he had a ".38 Smith & Wesson for them."

Smith, who said the man appeared intoxicated, pointed in the direction of the victims and heard gunshots a short time later.

Smith ran to the shooting scene and found one victim wounded in the face, the other in the upper torso.

"My reaction is that I got two guys killed," Smith said.

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Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry waves to supporters Monday while visiting a neighborhood in Canonsburg, Pa. Kerry and President Bush campaigned in the Midwest on Labor Day.

# Campaigns focus on jobs

## Bush, Kerry, running mates hit Midwest for Labor Day

BY MARY DALRYMPLE  
The Associated Press

CANONSBURG, Pa. — Democrat John Kerry opened his packed Labor Day schedule in battleground states Monday with talk of jobs, criticizing the Bush administration for doing little to help workers in a tough economy.

"If you want four more years of your wages falling — if you want four more years of losing jobs overseas and replacing them with jobs that pay \$9,000 less than the jobs you had before, then you should go vote for George Bush," Kerry said at an early rally.

Jobs was the order of the day for both campaigns, which were touring across the Midwest.

Kerry also told voters he would try to pull out troops in Iraq within four years. "We want those troops home, and my goal would be to try to get them home in a first term," Kerry said, speaking to a

few fellow Vietnam War veteran in the audience of his campaign event.

President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were heading to three states between them Monday. Kerry and running mate John Edwards were venturing to six. Cheney and Edwards set campaign courses that cross paths in St. Paul, Minn.

Polls in half the eight states on the candidates' Labor Day agenda — Minnesota, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Ohio — show them running neck-and-neck. Those four states offer 80 electoral votes, more than 20 percent of the total needed to win.

Kerry chose to spend his Labor Day in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, hoping to sway traditionally Democratic West Virginia away from its tilt toward Bush.

Bush, campaigning Sunday in West Virginia, said Kerry would "stifle job creation" with tax increases. Kerry wants to roll back

Bush's income and investment tax cuts for the wealthiest 2 percent of the nation.

"My opponent has promised to raise some taxes. That's a promise politicians tend to keep," Bush said. "This Labor Day weekend, it's important for America's workers to know that my opponent wants to tax your jobs."

The economy is looming large in voters' minds. Although payroll jobs have grown by 1.7 million in the last 12 months, the economy still has lost 913,000 jobs overall since Bush took office.

A new time magazine poll showed six in 10 Americans called economic conditions poor or only fair, while 32 percent called conditions good or excellent. The poll showed Americans split on Bush's handling of the economy, with 49 percent approving and 48 percent disapproving.

However, 57 percent said they felt they had not personally benefited from his tax cuts.

Editor's note: Three times a week, The Associated Press picks an issue and asks the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates a question about it.

## On the issues: College costs

Is there anything the federal government should do to ease the costs of post-secondary education?



President Bush

"My 2005 budget requests a record \$73.1 billion in financial aid to help nearly 10 million students attend college, an increase of \$25.9 billion (55 percent) since I took office. I have increased Pell Grant funding 47 percent, helping 1 million more low-income students. My plan also provides students with the chance to receive up to \$5,000 to study math or science. It is important that students graduate high school ready to do college-level work. No Child Left Behind and my high school reforms will ensure students are academically prepared for college so they are less likely to drop out. And I have proposed Enhanced Pell grants to provide additional assistance to low-income students who complete challenging coursework in high school that prepares them to succeed."



Sen. John Kerry

"Absolutely. Unlike George Bush, I refuse to let it become harder and harder for families to send their kids to college and do better. As president, I will enact a College Opportunity tax credit on up to \$4,000 a year for four years of tuition at a public university. I will ensure that this credit is eligible for 'advanced payment,' so students get the resources they need when tuition is due. Unlike current credits, my tax credit will be refundable for those students who need help the most and for those who receive other credits. I will provide \$10 billion in state fiscal relief for higher education, and I will offer a simple deal to hundreds of thousands of America's young people: If you will serve for two years in one of America's toughest and most important jobs, we will pay for four years of tuition at a public university."

## Call for Muslim vote

ROSEMONT, Ill. — American Muslim leaders ended their largest annual meeting with a lasting plea to thousands of community members that they vote in the presidential election.

Muslims urgently want to register their political presence in this country as a step toward ending what many believe are excesses in the war on terror.

The American Muslim Taskforce, an umbrella group for top U.S. Muslim organizations, met behind closed doors separately from a two-week conference, deliberating whether to make an endorsement in the race.

Both Democrats and Republicans are seeking their support.

A decision is expected by next month.

From The Associated Press

# Strategists: Kerry needs to turn campaign to economy

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## Analysis

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential challenger Sen. John Kerry begins the fall campaign on the defensive and faces the urgent necessity to make the race about the economy and other domestic concerns, after President Bush used his convention to say this election is all about keeping the country safe.

Bush rode out of New York after a four-day convention tightly focused on terrorism — and what Republicans claim is the striking contrast between the credentials of the two candidates as commander in chief. Democratic strategists now say it is essential for Kerry to seize back the initiative that was lost during August.

"The most important thing is for Kerry to re-engage the economic debate and ... to be crystal-clear in framing the choice for voters," said Geoffrey Garin, a pollster whose clients include the Democratic National Committee. "The Republicans were very disciplined in how they wanted to frame the choice. ... I think this is the moment where Kerry has to lay that out clearly."

Kerry strategist Tad Devine said the cam-

paign is moving to shift the debate from terrorism to health care, jobs and other domestic issues under the theme that "a stronger America begins at home."

A senior Kerry adviser agreed. "They made a determination that they're going to run strictly on terrorism and commander in chief," he said of the Bush campaign. "We need the voters to make a different decision."

On the GOP convention's final day, Kerry strategists told reporters in New York they were launching a TV ad campaign designed to emphasize the economic issues they believe are uppermost for voters in battleground states. They also plan to portray Kerry as the candidate who cares most about local concerns, whether it is nuclear waste storage in Nevada or job loss in Ohio.

The first post-convention indicators show that Kerry will be running from behind. A Newsweek magazine poll released Saturday showed Bush leading Kerry 52 percent to 41 percent, with independent Ralph Nader at 3 percent. A Time magazine poll released Friday showed a similar 11-point margin, although two other polls taken while the con-

vention was in progress showed the race statistically tied.

The two sides are operating under different theories of how to win this election — and not only whether terrorism or the economy will tip the balance in November.

Polling shows that jobs and the economy are the number one concern of voters, and they have been the staple of Kerry's campaign all year.

Democrats contend that overall, incomes have declined since Bush took office, and they say that the tax cuts at the heart of his economic policy have increased inequality and left millions of workers and their families struggling to pay their bills.

But Bush now has economic figures to bolster his claim that the country has gone through the worst of the downturn and is coming back, and pre-convention polls showed voters rated Bush equal with Kerry on managing the economy.

On national security issues, Bush maintains a strong advantage.

Convention speakers — including Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney — avoided any mention of "weapons of mass destruction" and other failures of prewar intelligence in Iraq, while the president offered a hopeful scenario for the restoration of de-

mocracy in that country and an eventual shift of security responsibilities to Iraq forces.

Although polls show increasing majorities of Americans question the wisdom of going to war with Iraq, Kerry is inhibited on that issue by his history — voting for the original use-of-force resolution, then against funds for operations in Iraq.

Democratic strategists inside and outside the campaign argue that Bush has left Kerry an opening to make the final two months of the election a debate about domestic issues. "We can talk to people about things they care deeply about," Devine said, pointing to the cost and availability of health care, the expense of college and the uncertainty of the jobs picture. "Bush does not have enough credibility to talk directly to people about things like that."

The two agendas are likely to collide when Kerry and Bush meet for their first debate, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 30 in Miami. The subject matter of that debate will be one of the negotiating topics when former secretary of state James A. Baker III and attorney Vernon E. Jordan Jr. sit down on behalf of the two camps. Each is likely to push to put his candidate's favored topic at the forefront of that first debate.



## WEDNESDAY EVENING / SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

MOVIES

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P •ESPN Pacific Report	8 Simple Rules Caiti has coffee with Principal Gibb. (CC)	The Simple Life (CC)	Fear Factor (CC)	Las Vegas Rocks and Violence* A member of a husband and wife magic troop vanishes. (CC)				Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)	
7	AFN-AT 5:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today Kristin Goss; Today: Towns a Wedding. (CC)				The Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	Teamo Supremo (CC)	Popular Mechanics for Kids (E)	Strange Days-Blake History
8	NEWS CNN Daybreak	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)			Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS •AHL College Football Teams to Be Announced	•SportsCenter			MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.						•Real Sports (CC)	
10	SPECT The Simpsons Yokai at the nuclear power plant. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Robert gets a test. (CC)	The Amazing Race (CC)		Andromeda 'All Too Human' Dylan and Bob prepare to defend a fledgling democracy against the evil ship. (CC)				Seinfeld Jerry meets Elaine's new boyfriend. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)	
11	AFN-AL SpongeBob Rugrats (CC)	Even Stevens	Kenan & Kel	Gilmore Girls 'Pier' (CC)	•First Daughter (1992) Marlee Matlin, Shirley Layla. A man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, D.C. (R) (CC)				Home Improve.	•Touched by an Angel 'Tough Love'		
12	AFM Attractions ••• "Chocolate" (2002) Fantasy, Jodie Smith, Lee Ann, Johnny Depp. (CC)	••• "Heros" (1992) Comedy, Kevin Hoffman, Green Davis, Amy Garcia. A homeless man takes credit for a petty crook's brave act. PG-13 (CC)	••• "The Four Feathers" (2002) Adventure, Heath Ledger, Vase Berry, Kate Hudson. A former soldier accused of cowardice must redeem his honor. PG-13 (CC)						••• "Wizards" (2002) Action, Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code breaker. R (CC)			
24	PBS Clifford's Puffy Dogs Dragon Tales Max watches baby animals. (CC) (DVS)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC)			Good Performances 'All Star' Piano Extravaganza. The Verber Festival Celebrates Classical Music's 19th Century. (CC)				Closing the Achievement Gap (N) (CC)	Charlie Rose Samantha Power. (N) (CC)		
25	SHOW ••• "Mississippi Burning" (1988) Drama, Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe. FBI agents search for three missing civil rights activists. R (CC)	••• "The Black Widow" (1986) Action, Christopher Reeve. A black widow is led to a killer. (CC)	••• "The Black Widow" (1986) Action, Christopher Reeve. A black widow is led to a killer. (CC)							Bob and Rose Bob and Rose fight their attraction. (CC)		
26	A&E City Confidential Philadelphia dentist Larry Lavin is uncovered. (CC)	America Justice A clue found in a will leads police to a killer. (CC)			Biography John Ritter: In Good Company Actor John Ritter wins acclaim. (CC)				City Confidential 'Brownie Back Magic' A woman copes to kill a teen. (CC)	Crossing Jordan 'Pardon's Frunk' Jordan continues to search for her mother's killer. (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		
28	DISC To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29	TF (15) Yes, We Show		(45) Special Assignment		Good Morning Kats (a Tagalog)							
30	CNN+ Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World Report	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International		
31	GOLF •PGA Golf Omega European Masters - Final Round. From Switzerland.				•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central
32	TLC Clean Sweep A couple has a large home full of things they can't seem to let go of. (CC)	In a Fix 'Virtual Island' Caribbean vi- sions. (CC)	For Better or for Worse 'Shawna and Scott' Asian-themed wedding. (CC)	Powerful Artists Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)	Scout's Honor Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)	Scout's Honor Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)	Scout's Honor Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)	Scout's Honor Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)	Scout's Honor Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)	Scout's Honor Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)	Scout's Honor Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)	Scout's Honor Cartoon Cartoon characters. (CC)
34	TOON Samurai Jack Centa's Laboratory- (CC)	Justice League										
35	ANPL The Crocodile Hunter Return to the Wild Steve, Terri and Steve's parents are forced to rescue a crocodile. (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)	King of the Jungle	Animal Precinct Saving an all-gator, hungry and ticked-over injured tiger. (CC)	Animal Precinct Saving an all-gator, hungry and ticked-over injured tiger. (CC)	Animal Precinct Saving an all-gator, hungry and ticked-over injured tiger. (CC)	Animal Precinct Saving an all-gator, hungry and ticked-over injured tiger. (CC)	Animal Precinct Saving an all-gator, hungry and ticked-over injured tiger. (CC)	Animal Precinct Saving an all-gator, hungry and ticked-over injured tiger. (CC)	Animal Precinct Saving an all-gator, hungry and ticked-over injured tiger. (CC)	Animal Precinct Saving an all-gator, hungry and ticked-over injured tiger. (CC)
36	COM Late Night Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Cee-Lo. (CC)	The Daily Show John Kerry (CC)	Crossroads Sasha 'Sea Satellite' the seas. (CC)	Mad TV Behind the scenes with 'Gint-rid', hybrid film 'Get Smelly' (CC)	South Park South Park A month after the world's 'Big Broke' world. (CC)	South Park South Park A month after the world's 'Big Broke' world. (CC)	South Park South Park A month after the world's 'Big Broke' world. (CC)	South Park South Park A month after the world's 'Big Broke' world. (CC)	South Park South Park A month after the world's 'Big Broke' world. (CC)	South Park South Park A month after the world's 'Big Broke' world. (CC)	South Park South Park A month after the world's 'Big Broke' world. (CC)	South Park South Park A month after the world's 'Big Broke' world. (CC)
40	NGC-A Rite Stuff Royal 'Shots' 'Yanya' Ayala. (CC)	Toyota World of Wildlife Wildlife's 'Wildlife' (CC)	Planet Wild Wildlife's 'Wildlife' (CC)	Honey Badger Meanest Animal in the World? (CC)	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)
42	SPK Fame The 'Inheritance' Leroy suspects his brother's motives when he resapses after his daughter. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	Blind Date Detective 'Root' of Evil (N) (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)	Family Guy Peter goes on a drinking binge. (CC)
44	BET 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live Marlene Fresh. (CC)	SHYNE Green & Gold. (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)
46	COURT NYPD Blue 'Three Girls and a Baby' Medway contacts the mother of his son. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)	Cops Apprehending a burglar. (CC)
48	STR-UL The Simpsons (CC)	Home Improvement (CC)	Friends (CC)	Just Shoot Me (CC)	Ed (CC)	The Practice (CC)	The Practice (CC)	The Practice (CC)	The Practice (CC)	The Practice (CC)	The Practice (CC)	The Practice (CC)
50	LIFE The Golden Girls Dorothy gives her son the boot. (CC)	The Golden Girls Dorothy gives her son the boot. (CC)	The Killing Storm (1997) Suspense. An Meyers, Scott Moon Frye, Tess Harper. A cheerleader suspects her boyfriend may be a murderer. (CC)	Major League II (1994) Comedy. Charles Sheen, Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen. The Cleveland Indians return after their pennant race. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)
51	ABC-FI Full House Jesse imagines how he would be as a superhero. (CC)	Full House Dan is obsessed with his new car. (CC)	The Heavens 'We Do' A storm threatens to postpone Lucy and Kevin's wedding. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Day Tech' Scientific and mechanical breakthroughs. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Extreme Aircraft' The X-1 jet breaks the sound barrier. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Extreme Aircraft' The X-1 jet breaks the sound barrier. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Extreme Aircraft' The X-1 jet breaks the sound barrier. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Extreme Aircraft' The X-1 jet breaks the sound barrier. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Extreme Aircraft' The X-1 jet breaks the sound barrier. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Extreme Aircraft' The X-1 jet breaks the sound barrier. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Extreme Aircraft' The X-1 jet breaks the sound barrier. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Extreme Aircraft' The X-1 jet breaks the sound barrier. (N) (CC)
53	HIST Best kept Secret D-Day (CC)											
55	STR-IV (4-45) Movie											
56	ADV 1 Combat Camera- men Mongolian Cowboys A pair of American cowboys explores horses and horse-anship in Mongolia. (CC)	Across the Line Assault on Mamalu Mongolian mountaineers attempt to climb Mount Manalu in Nepal. (CC)	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points	Boiling Points Boiling Points
57	MTV The Ashlee Simpson Show Ashlee Simpson begins her tour. (CC)	The Ashlee Simpson Show Ashlee Simpson begins her tour. (CC)										
60	NICK Julius (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	Julius (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)										

## JAPAN TV

**Afternoon**  
12:30 J.P.P. (12)  
1:30 U.S. Movie (1996): Coyote Run (2:00) (12)  
5:50 News (E)  
**Evening**  
7:00 NHR News (1)  
7:30 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Chunichi Dragons (4)  
7:35 State of Grace (3)  
8:00 2006 FIFA World Cup Soccer: Japan Allocated Preliminary - Japan vs. Austria (16)  
10:00 News (1)  
10:00 American Top 40 (42)  
12:21 Best Hits U.S.A. (10)  
2:10 Yomiuri Symphony Hour (4)  
3:30 Buzz Lightyear of Star Command (6)  
3:57 Soccer: AFC U-17 Championship 2004 - China vs. Japan (10)

## JAPAN TV-B57

**Morning**  
6:00 World News  
7:00 World News  
8:00 M.B. Tampa Bay Devil Rays vs. New York Yankees  
11:00 World Cup  
**Afternoon**  
12:00 CNN News  
1:30 ABC News  
2:00 PBS NewsHour  
3:00 CNN News  
4:00 World News  
5:00 CNN News  
5:25 ABC News  
**Evening**  
6:00 Japan Pro Ball: Hanshin Tigers vs. Yakult Swallows  
9:30 MLB Inside Reports  
10:00 MLB Highlights

11:00 BS News  
11:30 Economic News  
12:15 PGA Golf: Champions Tour: The First Tee Open at Pebble Beach  
2:05 Asian News  
3:20 World Amazing Sports  
3:50 PBS NewsHour  
4:40 Asian News  
5:00 World News

## JAPAN TV-B511

**Morning**  
10:00 Classical Music: NHK Music Festival  
**Afternoon**  
3:00 U.S. Movie (1975): Rooster Cogburn (1:50)  
**Evening**  
7:00 NHR News  
7:45 U.S. Movie (1986): Aliens (2:00)  
10:00 TV Series: Charmed 4

12:00 French-U.S. Movie (1973): Papillon (2:35)

## WOWOW

**Morning**  
6:30 Oswald #8  
7:30 TV Series: Friends  
8:00 U.S. Open Tennis, 9th Day  
**Afternoon**  
10:00 U.S. Movie (1990): Robocop 2 (2:00)  
5:30 Oswald #8 (r)  
**Evening**  
6:00 U.S. Movie (1980): Raging Bull (2:15)  
12:00 U.S. Open Tennis, 9th Day  
4:00 British Movie (1980): The Shining (2:25)  
**MTV**  
6:00 Wake Up

7:00 M-Size Street Tuesday  
8:00 Top Choice  
10:00 Pure Music  
11:00 Top Choice  
**Afternoon**  
12:30 YATV  
1:30 Newsworld  
2:30 Top Choice  
3:30 Top Choice  
4:30 Top Choice Selection: Live  
5:00 Top Choice  
5:30 Top Choice  
6:00 M-Size Fashion Wednesday  
7:00 00: Sam & Spencer  
8:30 Top Choice  
9:30 Top Choice  
10:30 Anime Show  
11:30 Top Choice  
12:30 Rock On  
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2:00 Rock On  
3:00 classic  
3:00 After Hours

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## Kerry medals came quickly

Max Cleland lost three limbs in Vietnam. He has zero Purple Hearts. I am a 16-year Navy veteran. As a law enforcement specialist, I have been involved in low-intensity urban combat operations for years. I have zero Purple Hearts. Many Silver Stars, Bronze Stars and Purple Hearts have been awarded posthumously, and many have been presented in hospitals. Many of these same awards have been presented to courageous men who are permanently disabled.

How rare is it to see three Purple Hearts awarded to one person? I've known one sailor who earned three Purple Hearts. He spent more time in the hospital recovering from his injuries than John Kerry spent in Vietnam. How did Kerry receive three Purple Hearts and never spend a single night in the hospital? How did Kerry win three of his awards in four months and 12 days?

Recently convicted fraud Navy Capt. Roger D. Edwards claimed to have four Purple Hearts. I'm glad he is in court for the highest office in the land, otherwise a search for truth would be turned into political postures.

Chap. Petty Officer Tony Guyette  
Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy

## Kerry's first reaction sharper

The writer of "Hard to think on 9/11" (Sept. 3) who clumsily quoted John Kerry out of context in order to establish that Kerry "could not think!" during the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks might find interesting a passage further on (www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/040708.kol.04.html). Remember, some published reports contain a President Bush had been told about the first plane enroute to the school. He nevertheless went ahead to the school. When he was told about the second attack, to wit, "After we got attacked," he sat motionless for seven minutes, paused much in the way he is when searching for some simple word like "evil." He claimed he didn't want to upset the children. Does that strike you as a good decision?

Here is the missing section on Kerry. He and Sen. John McCain left the Capitol together after being told to evacuate the building.

King: [You] and John walked out — what did you think? Did you think ...

Kerry: I knew instantaneously ...

King: Clinton said he thought bin Laden.

Kerry: I knew instantaneously with the first. I'm a pilot, and I looked at the weather, and it was what we call in pilot lingo: CAVU, ceiling and visibility unlimited. And I knew that that plane did not fly into that building accidentally, as people were speculating. It just doesn't happen, could not, under those circumstances. So I knew it was deliberate, whether it was suicide, whether it was something — I couldn't tell. When the second plane hit, it was obvious to the world.

And as we went out of the building, my immediate feeling was, we're at war. I mean, that was the sense, that we are under attack. People are attacking the

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## United States of America and we needed to respond

Isn't that a little more likely from an actual war veteran, just as staring into space is more likely for an inexperienced Bush, who (some media accounts) later said he learned about it on the television?

William Kerr  
Wiesbaden, Germany

## Learning from mistakes

The Republicans are accusing John Kerry of being indecisive. Kerry served in Vietnam at the same time I was serving in the United States. He received medals for his actions and then got out, like most of us went to because we realized what we all had done to Vietnam and its people.

As a career officer in the Air Force I fully supported people such as former President Clinton and Kerry, who stood up for the rights of humanity and saw the evilness of that war. Each did it in his own way: One led the country to study in the United Kingdom and the other served his country honorably, got out of the service and then joined the anti-war movement.

It also supports Kerry for his initial approval of the war in Iraq. The entire world would go to war as a result of 9/11. We all wanted to hurt someone in our rage. It was the Republican leadership that linked Iraq to 9/11, thereby making it easier for President Bush to follow through his previously set plan for that country. It was deceitful, and Kerry as well as many others in the States and "Old Europe" saw through the deceit, albeit a bit too late.

What all of us have done is not indecisive, it is based on learning from mistakes. The decision to go to Iraq was not based on anything that threatened the United States or any of its allies, which required defending. It was a Bush decision. Tell that to the nearly 1,000 U.S. dead and God knows how many from the other side.

Ret. Air Force Maj. Klaus-D. Paul  
Kaiserslautern, Germany

## More 'nonbad' news, please

I am fairly new to the Stars and Stripes family, but I have enjoyed reading it as it is one of a few connections to the outside world.

I read the item "Accused Nazi guard" in the News Tracker column on Aug. 31, which related that a former Nazi guard had had U.S. citizenship revoked after confessing it for 45 years. That should be a word of caution to the thugs, assassins and would-be war criminals here in Iraq: American justice may be slow, but it has a long memory.

My favorite section by far is the "American Roundup" in the middle of the paper. I enjoy reading about the different events in different states; I always scan for Virginia first. And I love the human interest photos, they kind of remind me why we're here.

My only complaint is that I wish this section were reserved for "good" news. There is plenty of bad news to go around, both at home and here in Iraq. I would just like one small section dedicated to good news. For example, I'd prefer not to read about the 3-year-old woman who was crushed to death by a boulder while asleep in his bed. I'm sure it's important news, and needs to be published somewhere, but can we just have one section or column where we know we won't read about anyone's death? I tell you, how cheated and depressed I felt after reading that story (I have a 2-year-old). Just like Anne Murray sings: "Sure could use a little good news today."

Marine Maj. Jefferson Kaster  
Baghdad

## Overseas warranty woes

I am an 11-year Army veteran. I bought a new Dodge Grand Caravan with an extended warranty assigned to the dealer's side base in 2000. I knew I was returning to Germany to live after getting out, and made sure to ask if the warranty was good overseas. I was assured it was.

Recently, I needed to use my warranty services for some covered minor repairs. I had paid for a five-year, 60,000-mile warranty, and thought the dealership would fix the problem without hassle. The vehicle had around 50,000 miles on it. When I got to the German dealership, I was told that my "extended warranty" bought in the States was no good after 18,000 miles in Germany.

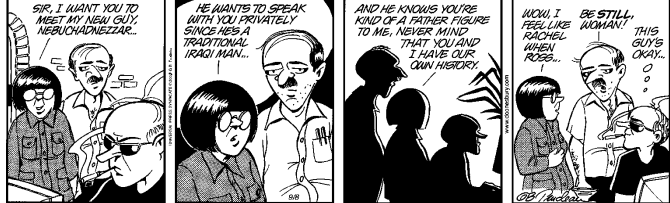
I contacted the dealership in Maryland where I bought the vehicle, and told them the situation. Their answer was that they would cancel my warranty as of June of this year, and adjust the amount according to that date. Well, of the almost \$900 that I originally spent, I would only receive a little over \$100 back. This issue is still not resolved as I have contacted DaimlerChrysler about it, and await an answer.

I am writing to let readers know that their hard-earned dollars may be wasted on extended warranties that are not good overseas. Luckily, mine were minor repairs I could have just imagined if it were a major problem involving thousands of dollars.

Liem Schlager  
Schweinfurt, Germany

## BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury Flashbacks



## OPINION

## Help combat vets express their emotions

BY PAULA J. CAPLAN

In 1996, in his late 20s, Robert joined the Army Reserve to get help with college tuition. The Reserve's demands weren't much of a hardship — until 9/11, when his life was turned upside down.

First assigned to full-time duty at an airport guard, he was sent to Kabul eight months later. In Afghanistan, he counted the minutes until he could get back home. But when he did, half a year later, he found himself "all at sea." The people around him, he felt, "acted like I'd never left. For them, nothing was different." His feelings of turmoil were exacerbated by an uneasy sense that he had no right to them, as his unit had been shot at only once.

When he couldn't shake feelings of depression after nearly a year at home, his sister finally suggested that he see a therapist. It seemed like the obvious solution to her, and I can see why. After all, we sent many Vietnam and Gulf War vets behind psychotherapists' doors to deal with their anguish, and we've come to think it's the best thing to do. Unfortunately, in our over-psychologized society, we've also come to think that it's the only thing to do.

We've failed to learn what the vets of previous wars have taught us — that although therapists clearly help some soldiers, there is only so much emotional damage from war they can fix. Leaving this work to psychotherapists alone may be not only harmful to the soldiers but also dangerous for us as a nation, because it helps hide the consequences of combat, making it easier for us to go to war again the next time.

Simply sending frightened, angry soldiers off to therapists conveys disturbing messages that we don't want to listen, that we're afraid we're not qualified to listen, and that they should talk to someone who gets paid to listen. The implication is that their devastation is abnormal, that it is a mental illness, and this only adds to their burdens.

Since debate even among experts about the definition of mental illness, it's all the more important for the rest of us to let returnees know that we don't consider them weak or crazy for having problems.

According to U.S. Army reports, the suicide rate for American soldiers in Iraq is 17.3 per 100,000, nearly five times the rate for the Gulf War and 11 percent higher than in Vietnam. As of March of this year, seven soldiers had committed suicide after returning from Iraq. Clearly, the emotional casualties of this war are already extremely high, and it is likely that the longer troops remain in Iraq and Afghanistan, the worse they will get.

Many soldiers' first instinctive response to witnessing the horrors of war is to repress their feelings and never talk about them. Traditional prescriptions for men to be tough intensify the expectation that, no matter how soldiers suffer, they should handle it alone. As more women take on combat roles, the same expectations now also apply to them.

So, having seen a buddy blown to bits or realizing that they have killed an Iraqi child, many soldiers choose to suffer in silence. Some do so to protect their loved ones. Others fear the pain of telling their stories and not being understood.

That's what happened to one soldier serving Iraq with whom I talked. He described how hard it was to sympathize with his fiancée in Dubuque, Iowa, when she wrote about daily frustrations such as her car overheating, even as he was reeling



Peter Bronson of New York City carries a sign during a Disabled American Veterans rally outside Madison Square Garden in New York on Aug. 30, the first day of last week's Republican National Convention. Psychiatric care for servicemen/women who were in combat is among the services offered at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals.

from the shock of being reviled as an invader and occupier by the Iraqis around him. "It's hard to have any long-distance relationship," he told me, "but from Dubuque to the war in Iraq is impossible." After a three-week leave, he was headed back to the war zone, his engagement ended.

Help for traumatized troops must really begin on the battlefield. Yet the military's response has been largely inadequate, even misguided. When soldiers have breakdowns in combat, military psychiatrists give them a little rest and a chance to talk with a counselor, then send them back into the fray, rationalizing that this helps prevent "survivor guilt." But sending psychologically fragile soldiers back into combat is wrongheaded. They'll likely feel guilt no matter what. Instead, therapists should advise commanding officers that these are the last people who should be sent back into battle. They should also seek ways to help the soldiers handle survivor guilt, such as pointing out that their deaths would not guarantee that others would live.

One military program, Operational Stress Control and Readiness, provides

treatment in combat zones that includes antidepressant medication, usually Prozac. Though no one would begrudge a service member anything that might dull the terror of combat, the truth is that the feelings they experience don't disappear and will have to be dealt with eventually. And there's something Brave-New-World-like about sending people into situations where they're endangered and feel helpless, and then when they crack, giving them drugs to change their brain chemistry so that they can return to battle.

The military also touts its debriefings for soldiers heading home. With these programs, which often last 10 days or fewer, it hopes to decrease the violent behavior some soldiers exhibit when they get back home. The Army increased its counseling after three soldiers back from fighting in Afghanistan were accused of killing their wives in 2002. Returnees are alerted that they may have nightmares and short tempers, reminded that their wives have been making all the decisions and may not want to give up that power, and warned that their young children might not recognize them.

That's a good beginning but, for many, the debriefings are inadequate, and their very brevity can imply that this should be all they need to "get over it."

But even with forewarning, the reality of having your child fail to recognize you can

be devastating. Some counseling may work for some soldiers, but other advice — buy some flowers for the wife, take the kids to Chuck E. Cheese — may fail to smooth the troubled waters of homecoming. It's no easy matter to know what will help, but even though the answers are neither simple nor obvious, the ongoing project of seeking them is a social responsibility.

Every one of us needs to shoulder a bit of the burden of helping our soldiers and our returning civilians with their re-entry into ordinary life back in the United States. In June, I was at the bank when I heard a customer with red crew-cut hair boast, "We were with the 82nd that got Saddam." When the bank teller expressed awe, the soldier retreated a little, saying, "Well, I didn't actually see him. But some of our guys did." Another customer said, "Thanks for keeping us safe," and the soldier straightened up and boomed out that he was headed for Afghanistan soon. "Gonna get bin Laden," he declared loudly.

As he walked past me on his way out, I remarked quietly that I was frightened for him. His straight-as-a-board posture vanished, and he said, "I got stabbed in Iraq. We're sitting ducks. And it's weird being home. Can't stop watching my back."

Given a chance to voice anything other than the expected bravado, out came his natural feelings of vulnerability. We need to let returnees say they were scared and let them know that's not crazy. We must also allow them to tell proud war stories when they want to. When they want to talk, we must find nonpsychiatric, nonpathologizing opportunities for them to do so openly, while also supporting them if they choose to see a therapist. And when they need silence, we must respect that, too.

In any case, a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine revealed that enormous numbers of soldiers don't see therapists. It showed that 38 percent of soldiers thought to be mentally ill did not trust therapists, 50 percent worried that seeing one could harm their careers and a full 65 percent feared upsetting us, their loved ones. Realistically, these barriers to therapy won't be overcome any time soon.

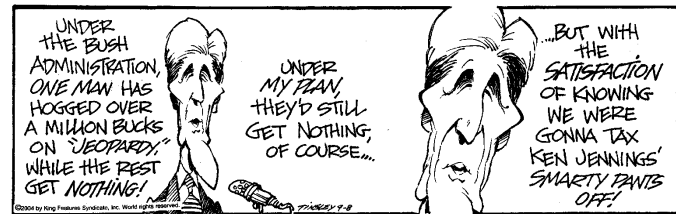
So we citizens must accept the social responsibility of telling returnees not only what we will listen but that we will listen for as long as they want to talk about how it felt to be over there and how it feels to be back. We need to tell them not to censor themselves for fear of upsetting us, offending our sensibilities, making us feel helpless to help them or making us angry at them. If we fail to do this, then we become complicit in our country's most devastating consequences. And to refuse to face these fully is to increase the chances that we will go to war again.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Fen-phen fraud?

**MI** JACKSON — Twelve people who received portions of a \$400 million settlement with the manufacturer of the diet drug fen-phen in 1999 have been arrested and charged with fraud for allegedly lying about taking the drug.

The defendants are accused of submitting fake pharmacy documents showing they used the diet drug. They face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States.

The arrests came after a year-long federal investigation into a rural corner of southwestern Mississippi where juries have been known to return multimillion-dollar verdicts, attracting lawyers who were eager to capitalize.

## Dog abuse investigation

**TX** CORPUS CHRISTI — Police and animal control officers in Corpus Christi are investigating after a dog was found bound and decapitated in a field near a middle school.

The dog named Lucky, a cocker spaniel and poodle cross, was reported missing to the Lost Pet Hotline on Aug. 19. The dog was found dead Wednesday.

Linda Garza — who had gotten Lucky from her boss a few weeks ago and then gave the dog to her mother — said she has three young nephews who fell in love with the fluffy dog.

Cheryl Quinones, co-founder of the Corpus Christi Animal Rights Effort, said \$1,500 had been raised toward a reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for mutilating the dog. The nonprofit group investigates instances of animal cruelty.

## Nuclear pills available

**PA** HARRISBURG — Nuclear watchdog group Three Mile Island Alert will distribute free potassium iodide pills that can protect the thyroid gland from radiation in the event of a nuclear accident.

The pills, known as KI, are a salt compound that contains iodine. They protect the thyroid gland against cancer from radioactive iodine, which can be released during an accident. The thyroid gland is the only part of the body that is protected by KI.

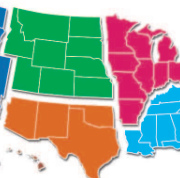
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has recommended distribution of KI pills to residents living within 10 miles of nuclear plants.

The state Department of Health distributed KI pills last month in areas near Three Mile Island, Peach Bottom and other nuclear stations.

## Bus driver threatens kids

**WI** MILWAUKEE — A school bus driver caught on a hidden tape recorder threatening to beat a 8-year-old boy with Down's Syndrome was sentenced to six months in jail.

Brian Duchow, 29, pleaded guilty in May to one count of child abuse that intentionally caused



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great harm after a criminal complaint said he admitted slapping the boy and cursing at him on the bus.

Jacob Mutolo's parents had placed a voice-activated tape recorder in their son's backpack because of concerns about how the boy was behaving on the bus.

On the recording, Duchow can be heard telling the boy to "stop before I beat the living hell out of you," among other threats.

## T-Rex fossil removed

**SD** SIOUX FALLS — Harding County wants a team of fossil hunters to return a juvenile Tyrannosaurus rex named "Tinker" unearthed from northwest South Dakota in 1998.

The county filed a federal lawsuit Aug. 20 against dinosaur hunter Ron Frithiof of Austin, Texas, Kim Hollrah of Iowa, Melody Harrell of Texas, Fred Debnovner of Colorado, and five unidentified parties.

The lawsuit alleges the team wrongfully and illegally removed the skeletal remains from county property and asks for the dinosaur and all its rights to be given to the county. It accuses the parties of engaging in fraud, trespass and a civil conspiracy.

Joe Ellingson, a Spearfish attorney representing Frithiof, called the lawsuit frivolous, saying his client is a respected businessman who was willing to share a portion



## Political animals

Alabama Secretary of State Norley Worley, left, pets a couple of female goats on the steps of the Capitol in Montgomery, Ala.

of proceeds from the dinosaur's sale with the county.

## Male nurse flap

**RI** PORTSMOUTH — A candidate offered a school nurse position in Portsmouth has taken another job, after residents questioned whether he should get the job because he is a man.

The Portsmouth School Committee last week delayed a vote on hiring Victor Moniz after a parent said his gender might make female students uncomfortable.

The move sparked backlash, including a letter from the Rhode Island Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union.

On Tuesday, the committee approved Moniz's hiring.

## 'Hokie Bird' wine debuts

**VA** BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech tailgaters will have their own wine to wash down the burgers and dogs this fall. "Hokie Bird" will be bottled by Chateau Morisette, a winery in Floyd County, under a licensing agreement announced Friday.

Tech spokesman Mark Owczarski said the wine is not intended for the student section of the stands. "This is going to be one of those products that's targeted to our alumni and responsible drinking," he said.

Hokie Bird Red and Hokie Bird White will go on sale at stores this fall. A portion of the sales proceeds will go toward the university's general scholarship fund.

## Severe child neglect

**MA** BOSTON — Four children ages 2 months to 6 years found alone in a garbage- and roach-infested apartment were placed in foster care, while officials investigate two mothers involved.

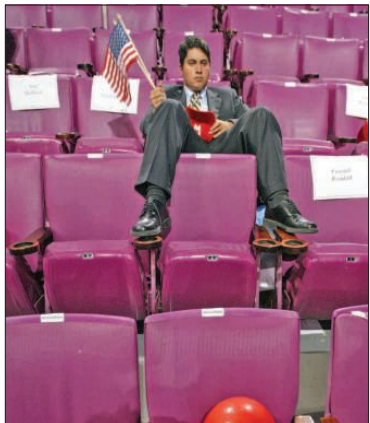
Boston police and EMS removed the children from the Seaver Street apartment in the city's Roxbury neighborhood after police were called to the building when a neighbor reported hearing the 6-year-old girl crying. Police found a 2-month-old girl sleeping on a bed, a 20-month-old girl sleeping on a bean bag and using a metal heater for a pillow and a 3-year-old boy sleeping on a bunk. All of the children were wearing soiled diapers, police said.

## Firewood checkpoint

**OH** TOLEDO — State troopers stopped cars and campers at checkpoints Thursday along the Ohio-Michigan state line. They weren't looking for drunken drivers or drugs — just firewood.

Ohio has banned the bringing of firewood into the state from Michigan, where a tree-killing beetle has killed or infested 8 million ash trees.

Ohio Department of Agriculture officials think firewood is at least partially to blame for the spread of the emerald ash borer into Ohio, where thousands of trees, mainly in the Toledo area, have been destroyed by the pest over the past year or so.



## The party's over

Max Siker, of Milwaukee, sits alone in the seats at Madison Square Garden after the conclusion of the Republican National Convention in New York.



## Recreational rooster

12-year-old Danielle Rathbun of Fairbanks, Alaska, takes her pet rooster Mr. Clucky for a walk along Fourth Avenue.



## Come sail away

Competing boats in the 30th annual Ruff Rider Regatta Catamaran race, which was launched from the flats on the Laguna Madre of South Padre Island, Texas, sail in a row.





**Day at the park** Betty Giffin of Arlington, Va., left, holds her 2-year-old granddaughter, Faith Dutch, of Manassas, as they feed a hungry goose at Lake Ridge Community Park in Lake Ridge, Va. Faith's mother, Tammy, sits next to them holding 7-month-old Hope Dutch.



**Rushin' home** A motorcyclist rolls through a tunnel on Iron Mountain Road as Mount Rushmore looms in the background near Keystone, S.D.



**Taking a break** A dragonfly rests on a branch along the shoreline of Lake Lou Emma in Van Buren, Ark.



**Bovine bonding**

Stephanie Johnson, 15, spends some time with Rosie, a 2-month-old Polled Hereford cow, during the Haddam Neck Fair in Haddam, Conn.

## Honeymoon hiker rescue

**VT** WATERBURY — A woman from Seattle celebrating her honeymoon with a hike on Hunger Mountain ended up on a stretcher with a special rescue team.

The Waterbury Backcountry Rescue Team was dispatched to the mountain after receiving an emergency 911 call.

The patient, a 38-year-old woman whose name was not released, was found a mile up the trail, according to rescue team leader Brian Lindner.

She fell and possibly broke her leg during her descent from the summit with her husband of three days.

Lindner said the condition of the trail wasn't bad and called it "almost a freak accident."

Lindner said the couple was in good spirits and able to joke about the fact it would be a honeymoon to remember.

## Stealing to pay psychic?

**TX** MCALLEN — The former mayor of a small South Texas border town pleaded innocent to embezzling town funds to pay for a psychic more than \$53,000.

Former La Grulla Mayor Diana Cortez and former bookkeeper Sandra Lopez are accused of using public money to pay for the services of a psychic. Both pleaded innocent to federal embezzlement charges in a federal court in McAllen.

A federal indictment alleges they used city money to pay a psychic about \$53,700 for consultations, including the use of tarot cards.

Cortez, 48, was La Grulla's mayor from May 2001 to May 2003. The 45-year-old Lopez was the town bookkeeper during her administration.

If convicted, the women could face up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$500,000.

## Rogue cop settlement

**PA** The Pennsylvania state police have agreed to pay \$5 million to settle allegations that commanders failed to rein in a rogue trooper who was sexually assaulting women.

The settlement covers civil lawsuits filed in U.S. federal court by four women, including one who was 14 in the late 1990s when she was assaulted by former trooper Michael Evans.

Evans pleaded guilty to criminal charges in 2000 and is serving a 5- to 10-year prison sentence. The women said several of his supervisors knew he had a history of unsavory conduct but never punished him or removed him from duty.

## Young giraffe put down

**WI** RACINE — An 18-month-old giraffe was euthanized after becoming unable to stand up — the second death of a giraffe at the Racine Zoo this year.

Chas, a male Masai giraffe obtained from a Lufkin, Texas, zoo, after another giraffe died at the zoo in March, was euthanized last

week. The zoo staff had found him unable to stand.

Zoo veterinarian Dr. Kevin Nelson said the preliminary indications from blood work and X-rays were inconclusive.

Zoo personnel consulted other veterinarians with expertise in handling giraffes before making the decision to euthanize Chas.

## Volcano park addition

**HI** VOLCANO — The public on Thursday got its first look at a 116,000-acre addition to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, U.S. Rep. Ed Case and Mayor Harry Kim were among the hundreds who got a first look at Kahuku Ranch lands, which run along the slopes of Mauna Loa.

"What we have done here in Hawaii is a model for the nation in successful partnerships between private land owners, environmental organizations and government agencies," Inouye said. "More of these projects must be done with an eye towards future generations."

The National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy last year paid \$22 million to acquire the Kahuku Ranch from Damon Estate.

## Kim not told of death

**VA** DANVILLE — The brother of a former death row inmate who died of pneumonia in May said he didn't learn of his brother's death until three months later. Prison officials claim they couldn't locate the family.

A spokesman for the state medical examiner's office said that Calvin Swann, 49, died of natural causes on May 28.

But Clyde Swann, 48, one of Calvin Swann's brothers, said the family did not learn of the death until Aug. 25 when he called the prison.

"I've been visiting. I've been sending money, and they didn't contact me," Swann said. "He hadn't called in a while and I called to find out why, and they said he was deceased. I said, 'You must have him mixed up with somebody else.'"

Larry Traylor, spokesman for the Virginia Department of Corrections, said officials attempted to contact Swann's next-of-kin without any luck.

## Doggie distress call

**ME** FRANKLIN — A playful poodle might end up in the doghouse after calling 911 on its owners' phone.

An emergency operator answered a 911 call at about 6:20 a.m., but nobody was on the line and all the operator could hear was a shuffling noise in the background, said Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Shane Campbell.

Campbell and two emergency medical technicians went to the house to investigate, but the owners weren't home. What they found instead was a husky puppy and a chewed-up cordless phone on the floor.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# Horoscope

The Cancer moon and Virgo sun work together to thoroughly inform you. Your heart and your head both process the facts at a remarkable speed, and as a result, you're able to learn and make decisions at lightning speed. Critical faculties are firing aggressively, but it's important not to let them interfere with your creativity.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(September 8)** Your drive this year is amazing, even to your venture in October and virtually fly. Couples articulate needs better and therefore are more satisfied. Powerful signs for love are Taurus and Virgo.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your life is important, and today, you'll feel that in a very tangible way. There's no question you try and do your best under any circumstance, but precautionary measures help you create the most favorable circumstances possible.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You'll be making some pretty senseless decisions (perhaps you're in love?), but they'll work out in the best way possible. You don't care what others think, but it's best to focus your energy where you are most appreciated.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** It's an auspicious day, though you get off to a bumpy start. Keep imagining that people mean to help you, even if that's not what they are really doing. By the evening, all those good intentions will add up to something substantial.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** It is impossible for anyone to correctly value your ideas if you don't do it first. Move instinctively toward the people who will facilitate your greater good. Follow through with important work without regard to the money involved.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** It's your day to bring a nagging problem under your control. Don't rush

things. Be wary of fast-track success — stick to your own timetable to control your destiny. Tonight, toss out old, stale mementos from a past relationship.

## VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22.

Bright new faces, romance and important contacts electricity the scene. Mix with the people who are in the know, and your mood quickly elevates — though it was darned good to begin with. Brainstorm ways you can fill a niche.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Pay attention to trends, buzzwords and what the leaders are doing — not because you want to be a copycat but because all of this helps you hone your own original style. It's the perfect time to take calculated risks at work.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You're dealing with some stiff competition now, but you'll make your way by doing what you always do — taking the road less traveled. Stand up for your own creative methods of getting things done.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Money and help signal that you're on the right track. If you're not getting enough of either, do a little market research. Ask people what they see as your strengths and weaknesses, and be willing to hear the answer.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Genetic goals bring true victory, whereas huge ones give you pause. Just think of the next step — anything too far off will bring frustration and overwhelming feelings. One thing at a time gets it done.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Friends play a role in making your ideas come to life. Aesthetics also come into the equation. If the old look is getting tired, polish your style. Anywhere people gather for the purpose of health is great for your love life.

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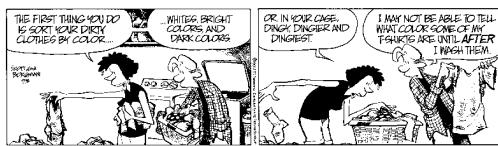
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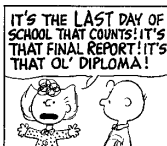
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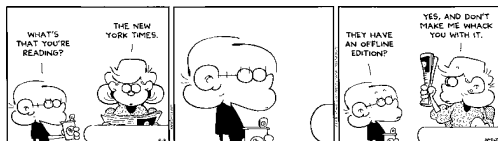
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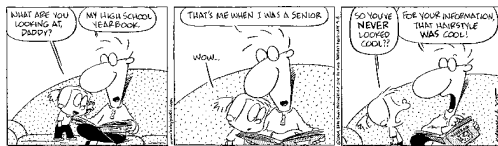
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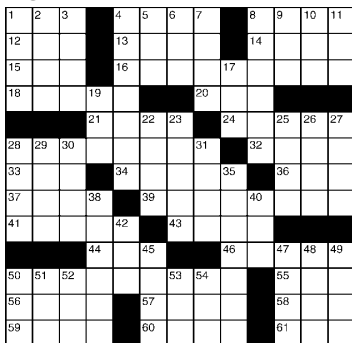
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# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Move up and down
- 8 Spilled the beans
- 8 Entreaty
- 12 Swelled head
- 13 Shaving cream
- 14 Dagwood's neighbor
- 15 Blueprint extra
- 16 Mississippi emblems
- 18 Sick and tired of it all
- 20 As well
- 21 Briske coup
- 24 Substantial
- 28 Attractive?
- 32 Unembellished
- 33 Past
- 34 Six-pack, maybe
- 36 Actress Thompson
- 37 Masticate
- 39 Biz bigwigs
- 41 Buckwheat porridge
- 43 Burpee buy
- 44 Inventor Whitney
- 46 Mystery writing award
- 50 Sherlock's glass
- 55 Drop from the payroll
- 56 Grand-scale
- 57 Grails
- 58 — de-France
- 59 Chromosome part
- 60 1/220 furlong

## Down

- 1 Complaint
- 2 Look lewdly
- 3 Intrepid
- 8 Betros from older recordings
- 5 Carte lead-in
- 6 Yuletide quaff
- 15 Blueprint fellow
- 8 Botanical tissue
- 9 Maui memento
- 10 Historic period
- 11 Tummy muscles
- 17 Fireworks sound
- 19 Sailors' org.
- 22 Teensy bit
- 23 Gold-finger?
- 25 Touched
- 26 Christmas symbol
- 27 Favorable votes
- 28 "— the Knife"
- 29 Eastern potentate
- 30 Sallies forth
- 31 "Leaving Las Vegas" star
- 35 Laughed scornfully
- 38 From which place
- 40 Use a calculator
- 42 Will Smith biopic
- 45 Uncertain
- 47 Profit
- 48 Wheel-base terminus
- 49 Stewart's "It's a Wonderful Life" wife
- 50 "Little Women" woman
- 51 Mimic
- 52 Rummy variety
- 53 401(k) alternative
- 54 Always, in verse

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 9-8 CRYPTOQUIP

RNS ULNVS SN JUYS  
ANWD AUWEUWKRD. K  
YJNWD K JNVZC IURE NR

VRSKZ SID LVSSDW DRC.  
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I'M REALLY SKILLED AT MAKING LIGHT DONUTS. YOU MIGHT SAY I'M CRULLER-COORDINATED.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: S equals T











## FACES 'N' PLACES

## Cruise empties mind for character role

Playing a heartless hit man in "Collateral," Tom Cruise said he emptied his mind as he emptied ammo clips into victims during filming.

But the grinning nice-guy savior he hasn't got a bit of murder in him in real life.

Promoting the movie at the Venice Film Festival in Italy, Cruise was asked if perhaps the most evil character of his career had inspired any homicidal thoughts.

"I wouldn't kill anyone because I don't want to," he said, and then asked a reporter: "Who would you kill?" The reply: "Osama bin Laden, for example."

Cruise paused. "Well, yeah, yeah. But I just don't want to kill anyone."

His character, on the other hand, doesn't want much else.

Director Michael Mann's thriller, which was not in competition for an award, features Cruise as murder-machine Vincent, who is paid to kill five federal witnesses in one night. Jamie Foxx is Max, a hapless cabbie who picks up the hit man.



Cruise

## Former UCLA basketball coach honored

Former longtime UCLA basketball coach John Wooden was among 10 educators honored at the unveiling of a sidewalk monument honoring teachers.

The ceremony was attended by about 200 parents, students, friends and officials. Wooden coached the Bruins from 1947 to 1975 and was an English teacher before that.

"It's nice to see teachers honored," he said from Los Angeles.

The row of 10 bronze plaques dubbed the Walk of Hearts lines the front of a San Fernando Valley theater. It features the names of teachers set in designs of laurels shaped like a heart and an apple.

During Wooden's coaching career, UCLA won seven straight national championships, an NCAA record 88-game winning streak, and four 30-0 seasons.

## Elephant Man to perform at Creole fest

Jamaican reggae artist Elephant Man will be among 15 performers at the eighth annual World Creole Music Festival in Dominica next month.

Dominica's festival is one of the largest Creole music celebrations in the Caribbean. Thousands attended last year, many coming from surrounding islands with French Creole roots, including Guadeloupe and Martinique.

Other bands and performers lined up for the Oct. 29-31 festival include Magnum, Dominik Coco, Sweet Mickey, Canela and Escalade, festival director Jeffery Brisbane said.

"We feel that the festival continues to grow year by year," Brisbane said.

Creole music has an African base mixed with Caribbean calypso and Latin beats, and is built around drums, guitar and organs. It emerged when French Creole slaves would mark the end of the harvest by singing, and evolved to include modern instruments.

## 'Phelpstival' to celebrate Olympic athlete

It's billed as a "Phelpstival," a party, parade and presentation for Michael Phelps after his Olympic triumph.

The swimming champion makes his homecoming this coming week, and Baltimore County Executive James Smith announced plans for a day of tributes Sept. 11.

There will be an honorary renaming of Cedar Avenue after Phelps, and a parade winding through downtown Towson, Md., will culminate in a ceremony on the Court House Plaza. The swimmer, who finished with six gold medals and two bronze at the Athens Games, will receive the keys to Baltimore County.

Phelps and fellow medalists Lenny Krayzelburg and Ian Crocker plan to show their swimming skills at the "Swim With the Stars" show Sept. 10 at the University of Maryland.



Phelps

Stories and photos from wire services

AL YANKOVIC:  
HE'S NOT  
WEIRD AT ALL

*'Humor is a cathartic experience,' singer says*

BY DANIEL P. FINNEY

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**J**ourney with us now, dear readers, into the seedy, dark and mysterious world of a rock musician on tour.

Take an exclusive tour through the chamber of sin and terror that is a best-selling and Grammy-winning artist's tour bus.

Read the harrowing, life-on-the-edge tales of sex, drugs and ...

Aw, who are we kidding?

We spent a couple hours with "Weird Al" Yankovic when he played Six Flags St. Louis.

The guy famous for his parodies of popular songs, artists and pop culture in general is about as low-key, easy-going and down-to-earth as you can find. No drugs. No hookers. No trips to the emergency room. No go to the

Well, OK, the keyboardist had to go to the emergency room, but we think it was just an upset stomach.

Known for garish Hawaiian shirts and a wildly anti-on-stage personality, Yankovic behind the scenes is decidedly un- ...

He appears wearing tattered blue jeans, black flip-flops and a muted brown tie-dye T-shirt.

"It's pretty boring around here on tour," Yankovic says, gesturing around his bus. "If you were riding this bus with us, you'd just find a bunch of people playing with their laptops and watching TV."

The bus interior is a mixture of forest greens, marble grays and black tiles.

No construction zone oranges, banana yellow or psychedelic flower patterns.

Not even a whoopee cushion.

The only luxury is a big-screen TV with a satellite hookup — tuned to the Fuse music video network — and even the TV is something you'd expect to find in a suburban house.

"Yeah, we rent these buses, so we don't do a lot of decorating," Yankovic says. "Maybe Steven Tyler (of Aerosmith) outfits his bus differently, but this is how we do it."

Yankovic is the grand champion of the novelty album, perhaps the most successful comedy music artist since Allan Sherman.

He broke through with a parody of the Knack's "My Sharona," called "My Bologna," in 1979 at the age of 20.

Since then, Yankovic has dominated a genre riddled with one-hit wonders and amusing novelties.

He has lampooned everyone from Michael Jackson to Coolio.

In his wonderfully over-the-top videos, he has dressed as a Jedi knight singing in a coffeehouse and wonderfully mocked Kurt Cobain's angst-ridden grunge rock.

A career that most critics write off as trivial has nonetheless earned Yankovic three Grammys, including his most

recent in 2003 for best comedy album in recognition of "Poodle Hat."

Yankovic seems less like a rock star and more like a guy you'd find mowing his lawn on a Saturday afternoon.

His gags are usually clever word plays, slapstick comedy and flatulence jokes. He never strays into overly sexual material, and a curse word can't be found in the library of his work.

The mixture makes Yankovic an all-ages act, popular with children, parents and graying adults alike.

"My humor tends to be on the clean side," Yankovic says.

"I've never really targeted one demographic or another, but I recognize that my stuff is popular with families because it's clean — sometimes cleaner than the source."

Behind the laughter, bright costumes and silliness, Yankovic is reserved and soft-spoken, almost shy.

He answers questions thoughtfully, the very definition of one who can't get his own words out. Yet, the comic singer betrays little real emotion even though there is certainly plenty of it in his life these days.

In April, Yankovic's parents both died suddenly of carbon monoxide poisoning at their home.

After the funeral, the king of musical comedy decided to keep touring.

"You know, I've been told by a lot of people that my music helped them get through tough times," he says, his brown eyes scanning the floor of his tour bus.

"I've had people tell me that my work stopped them from committing suicide. I'm hoping that my music will help me now."

The tour, though, inspires a different kind of sadness.

It means he's separated from his wife and 18-month-old daughter for weeks at a time. Yankovic says he only tours about 18 days in a row before taking a break to spend time with his family.

"I wouldn't do it otherwise," he says. "It's just too hard to be away from them."

On stage, Yankovic was definitely "Weird Al," cowering alternately in a fat suit, Jedi robes and a '50s-style lounge lizard leisure suit.

Whatever weight Yankovic may be carrying in his personal life, on stage it doesn't show.

He's happy to make others happy. "Humor" is a cathartic experience, Yankovic muses. "That's why I've never thought about doing 'serious' songs. There are enough people doing unfunny music. I'm happy to laugh."



Weird Al Yankovic is low-key, easy-going and down to earth — a different image from what is portrayed in the media. He entered the music scene in 1979 with the hit "My Bologna," a parody of the Knack's "My Sharona."







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## College scoreboard

## AP Top 25 fared

How the Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll fared Sunday:  
 No. 1 Southern Cal (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Colorado State, Saturday.  
 No. 2 Alabama (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Houston, Saturday.  
 No. 3 Florida State (0-0) did not play. Next at South Carolina, Saturday.  
 No. 4 Florida State (0-0) did not play. Next at No. 5 Miami, Friday.  
 No. 5 Miami (0-0) did not play. Next vs. No. 4 Florida State, Friday.  
 No. 6 Texas (0-0) did not play. Next vs. Arkansas State, Saturday.  
 No. 7 Texas (0-0) did not play. Next at Arkansas, Saturday.  
 No. 8 Michigan (1-0) did not play. Next at Notre Dame, Saturday.  
 No. 9 Ohio State (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Marshall, Saturday.  
 No. 10 West Virginia (1-0) did not play. Next at UCF, Saturday.  
 No. 11 Florida (0-0) did not play. Next vs. Eastern Michigan, Saturday.  
 No. 12 Kansas State (1-0) did not play. Next vs. New Mexico State, Saturday.  
 No. 13 Kansas State (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Fresno State, Saturday.  
 Tennessee (1-0) beat UNLV 42-17. Next vs. No. 11 Florida, Sept. 18.  
 No. 15 Virginia (1-0) did not play. Next vs. North Carolina, Saturday.  
 No. 16 Auburn (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Iowa State, Saturday.  
 No. 17 Utah (1-0) did not play. Next at Arizona, Saturday.  
 No. 18 Auburn (1-0) did not play. Next at Mississippi State, Saturday.  
 No. 19 Missouri (1-0) did not play. Next at Troy State, Thursday.  
 No. 20 Clemson (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.  
 No. 21 Clemson (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.  
 No. 22 Clemson (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.  
 No. 23 Maryland (1-0) did not play. Next vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.  
 No. 24 Oregon (0-0) did not play. Next vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.  
 No. 25 Purdue (1-0) beat Syracuse 51-0. Next vs. Ball State, Saturday.

## Sunday

## No. 14 Tennessee 42, UNLV 17

UNLV Tennessee 17 14-42

First Quarter  
 UNLV-FG Aquayo 26, 11:38.

Second Quarter  
 Tenn-Schaeffer 1 run (Willott), 4:47.

Third Quarter  
 Tenn-Fayton 42 from (Aguayo), 3:58.

Fourth Quarter  
 Tenn-Riggs 7 run (Willott), 5:52.

Final Score  
 Tenn-Meacham 35 pass from Schaeffer (Willott), 8:10.

UNLV-Perkins 3 run (Aguayo), 5:51.

UNLV-Brown 3 pass from (Aguayo), 5:51.

UNLV-Dorsey 17 run (Aguayo), 8:02.

UNLV-Jenkins 20 run (Willott), 3:47.

UNLV-Perkins 3 run (Aguayo), 5:51.

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## Tennessee wins as QB makes history

## Schaeffer is first freshman to start opener in 59 years

BY ELIZABETH A. DAVIS

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's freshmen quarterbacks looked good to coach Phil Fulmer, excited the fans and impressed UNLV coach John Robinson.

Brent Schaeffer became the first Southeastern Conference freshman quarterback to start an opener in 59 years, and freshman Erik Ainge also played extensively Sunday night in No. 14 Tennessee's 42-17 win over UNLV.

"Those two quarterbacks looked like they were 24 years old," Robinson said. "Ainge and Schaeffer looked like they just came off a mission with the Dolphins and Cowboys. They were well-prepared, and you have to give Coach Fulmer the credit."

Schaeffer, the first true freshman to start an opener at quarterback in the SEC since Georgia's John Rauch in 1945, rebounded from a fumble during his first series to run for a touchdown and throw for a score. Ainge entered the game later in the first quarter and finished with two touchdown passes.

Fulmer has found a good way to frustrate defenses by using both freshmen and exploiting their special skills: Schaeffer's elusive running and Ainge's strong arm.



Tennessee freshman quarterback Brent Schaeffer (7) turns back the ball off during the third quarter of their game against UNLV.

"Both are going to play and give us different dynamics. Some games one may play more than the other," Fulmer said.

Schaeffer's running ability was most apparent on his touchdown run.

On third-and-1, Schaeffer broke a tackle in the backfield, rolled right, dodged more defenders and ran into the end zone to give Tennessee the lead.

## Turnaround still eluding Notre Dame

## Fighting Irish's route back to national prominence detoured again by loss to BYU

BY DOUG ALDEN

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Notre Dame's return to prominence has been delayed — again.

The Fighting Irish opened the season Saturday night with a 20-17 loss at Brigham Young, a performance that doesn't give much hope for a turnaround season.

"We've got to do a better job at everything. Tonight night was not a good offensive game," Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said.

This is Willingham's third season and instead of reviving memories of his 10-win debut, Irish fans got a reminder of last year's frustrating 5-7.

The Irish had 276 yards and 54 of them came on a screen pass from Brady Quinn to Rhema McKnight for a touchdown that cut BYU's lead to 20-10 late in the third quarter. It was really the only defensive breakdown for the Cougars, who won their fourth straight opener under coach Gary Crowton.

BYU pressured Quinn all game and sacked him four times. Quinn got no help from the running attack, which had one of the worst games in the school's long and rich history. Notre Dame had just 12 rushing yards, the lowest total since gaining 17 in a 41-9 loss to Oregon State in the 2001 Fiesta Bowl.

The school record for rushing futility is minus-12 against Michigan in 1965.



BYU defensive lineman Brady Poppings (49) wraps up Notre Dame QB Brady Quinn during the second quarter Saturday in Provo, Utah.

"They put quite a bit of pressure on us," offensive coordinator Bill Dieckrad said. "In the second half, we were basically all over the place."

Ryan Grant, who ran for 1,085 yards two years ago but lost his starting job to Julius Jones last season, didn't play because of a strained hamstring. And with the Irish struggling like they were against the Cougars' defense, he might not have helped much.

Travis Thomas started for Grant and finished with two yards on six carries, getting little room to run behind an offensive

Schaeffer went 7-for-10 for 123 yards and ran seven times for 29 yards.

Ainge methodically led a 13-play, 82-yard drive in the fourth quarter that was capped by a 3-yard touchdown pass to Tony Brown.

Ainge was 7-for-9 for 69 yards in the drive and finished 10-for-17 for 118 yards.

All of Tennessee's six scoring drives occurred at least 80 yards.

Both freshmen said they were nervous, but they didn't play like it.

"I think during warmups I got most of my butterflies out, but that first play, I'll remember forever," Ainge said.

The only turnover in the game was Schaeffer's fumble, and the quarterbacks didn't have any delay penalties.

"Anytime you have two freshmen quarterbacks that can come out and make the right checks and get them in the right place, you know the coaches had them prepared," UNLV linebacker Ryan Claridge said. "I can say that I played against some really good quarterbacks when they were freshmen after I leave here."

Tennessee's fullbacks helped keep pressure off the quarterbacks by helping roll up 272 yards on the ground.

Starting running back Cedric Houston left the game in the third quarter because of a right ankle injury after rushing for 97 yards.

Gerald Riggs took over and finished with 79 yards on 13 carries and one touchdown.

"The team around them picked them up," Fulmer said.

The Vols have a week off before Schaeffer and Ainge face their first SEC opponent, Florida in Knoxville on Sept. 16.

"If we have to split time, we'll do what's best for the team," Ainge said. "We want to win."

placed him, but couldn't get the offense going with any consistency. He got some help with his receivers, who came up with big plays to seal it in for the Cougars.

Austin Collier ran under a pass from Berry for a 42-yard touchdown to put the Cougars up 20-3 and junior college transfer Todd Watkins made a leaping grab on a late third-down conversion to help seal it.

Berry also had an interception that Preston Jackson returned 38-yards for a touchdown to pull Notre Dame within 20-17 with 8:19 left to play.

"I made it too interesting at the end, but guys came through. That's why it is a team game," Berry said.

Notre Dame had asked to reschedule the game, originally set for late October, so the Fighting Irish wouldn't have to face Michigan this week in the season opener after the Wolverines already had played a game. There was little resistance from the Cougars, who were scheduled to open against defending national champion Southern California.

Nobody from BYU would say last week that they would rather face the Irish, who were coming off a 5-7 season, than the Trojans. But by beating Notre Dame, BYU opened with a win desperately needed for Crowton after two straight losing seasons.

"I'm pleased with the win," Crowton said. "It gives us momentum to move forward and we need the momentum."

The Fighting Irish are still searching for theirs.

## No. 25 Purdue 51, Syracuse 0

Purdue Syracuse 14 0-51-0

Purdue-Void 1 run (Ben Jones kick), 4:01.

Purdue-Brown 75 pass from Orton (Ben Jones kick), 1:10.

Purdue-Stubblefield 33 pass from Orton (kick failed), 6:15.

Purdue-Stubblefield 67 pass from Orton (Ben Jones kick), 6:09.

Purdue-Brandon Jones 32 pass from Orton (Ben Jones kick), 2:54.

Purdue-Brandon Jones 32.

Purdue-Kirk 44 run (Ben Jones kick), 9:39.

Purdue-Brooks 47 run from Kirsch (Ben Jones kick), 4:56-57.

Syr. 37-10-25

Purdue 32-42-27

Purdue 15-26-17

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## Rain delays tournament on Okinawa

BY DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

The double-elimination play-offs of the 10th Kadensha Kasei Pacificwide Open Softball Tournament on Okinawa were pushed back to Saturday because of Typhoon Songda.

Play was suspended at 6:20 p.m. Saturday with a few

### Local softball

round-robin games still to be played. Tournament director Dexter High was hoping to wrap up the tournament on Monday by throwing out the pool-play games that had no bearing on the play-offs and moving straight to the double-elimination phase of the tournament.

Instead, all remaining games will be played starting at 7 a.m. Saturday at Kadensha's FourDiamonds Complex, High said.

That means the Outcasts of Guam's Andersen Air Force Base have to leave without competing for the title despite going 5-0 in Pool B.

"They'll leave here with some medals, since they won their division," High said.

The tournament's other off-island team, the Okinawa Pirates of Japan, might not return home on Tuesday as scheduled because the typhoon is headed that way, High said.

"With the storm headed to Saesbo, they may not leave [Tuesday]," High said.

### Osan downs Guzzlers twice in POW-MIA tournament

CAMP CASEY, South Korea — Led by MVP Steve Marquez, Osan Air Base roared out of the loser's bracket and beat the International Guzzlers in a two-game final Monday to capture the POW-MIA Labor Day Open Tournament.

Osan opened the Guzzlers 24-0 in the first final game, forcing an "if-necessary" second title game, which Osan won 18-8.

"We've done it before," Osan coach Carlee Keys said, referring to the Pacificwide Open two years ago when Osan double-dipped Camp Casey in the championship.

He credited Osan's title on Monday to "a lot of good hitting."

"My guys hit the ball well in both games against the Guzzlers. We had a good weekend. The Guzzlers played really well, hit the ball and played good defense. They just didn't hit the ball when they needed to."

Marquez hit nine homers in the two games.

# Chase is just beginning for Sauber

## Pop Secret 500 win locks up spot in NASCAR's postseason

BY MIKE HARRIS  
The Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Now, Elliott Sadler can go home and enjoy himself.

Thanks to his victory Sunday night in the Pop Secret 500 at California Speedway, all the Virginia native has to do is start next week in Richmond to assure himself a spot in NASCAR's new Chase for the Nextel Cup championship.

"The pressure is off," Sadler said. "We are in the Chase. That was our goal and we are in the show. We have nothing to lose and we're going to go have fun, race hard and whatever happens happens."

In NASCAR's new championship format, only the top 10 drivers following the Richmond race Saturday night will be eligible to compete for the title over the final 10 races. Moreover, they will begin the battle separated by just five-point increments, with the 10th-place driver only 45 behind the leader.

Sadler said that makes him and his No. 38 Robert Yates Racing Ford team real contenders.

"I think we can win this championship," said Sadler, who has never finished better than 20th in the season standings during his six seasons in NASCAR's top series. "You know why? Because we have been very, very consistent."

"We could have cracked coming down the stretch with pressure, but we were in the top 10 every single week except maybe for one race. That's showing that this is a strong race team and we've come a long way this year."

The 29-year-old racer from Emporia, Va., won for the second time this season and third time in his career. He easily held rookie Casey Kahne and Mark Martin at the end of the 250-lap race — with the help of a couple of late caution flags that slowed the two challengers.

But Kahne, who finished second for the fifth time this season, and Martin climbed into the top 10 in the points. Kahne is ninth and Martin 10th, nine points behind.

Jamie McMurray finished fourth in the race and jumped from a tie for 14th to 11th, 25 points behind Martin.



Elliott Sadler celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the Nextel Cup Pop Secret 500 at the California Speedway on Sunday in Fontana, Calif.

Kahne said he was surprised that Sadler came on so strong at the end.

"Elliott beat us both there at the end," he said. "It was a little surprising. I think both Dodge and Mark Martin were a little better than the 38 (Sadler) for most of the race. But he held his own and he had the car to beat there at the end."

Martin did appear to have the strongest car through much of the race. But he couldn't seem to get his car up to top speed for 10 to 20 laps after each of the track record 11 caution flags in the race that began in 99-degree heat of the late afternoon and ended in the cooler

temperatures after dark under California Speedway's new lights.

"I hate it that all those cautions came out there at the end," said Martin, a four-time series runner-up. "That was our shot, but I'm thrilled to death to run third here and be a contender. If the cautions fell differently, we'd have had something for them."

Both Bobby Labonte, who finished 21st, and Kevin Harvick, who was 28th, fell out of the top 10, but still have a shot at getting into the Chase in Richmond, along with Dale Jarrett and Jeremy Mayfield. Harvick fell to 15th, 56 points out of 10th.

Martin, who led a race-high 65 laps, took the lead from Kahne on lap 217, but a spin by Dale Earnhardt Jr. brought out a caution flag on the next trip around the 2-mile oval and brought the leaders to pit road.

Rookie Brian Vickers took only two tires and grabbed the lead, with Martin, Sadler and Kahne right behind. On the restart on lap 230, Sadler drove high on the banking and raced to the lead. He stayed there the rest of the way, holding off Kahne and Martin on one last restart with 10 laps to go after a crash involving Earnhardt and Ken Schrader. The winner led a total of 59 laps.

Sadler said that crew chief Todd Parrott decided on a tire-pressure change on his last pit stop, which didn't sit well with the driver at first.

"I didn't agree with it. I told him, 'I don't think we should do that,' and he did it," Sadler said. "That's the reason he's the winningest active crew chief in the garage. He got the car perfect for those last 12 laps and I drove my heart out."

Jeff Gordon, who won the race here earlier this year, ran over debris and damaged his car early in the race. He wound up 37th after his engine blew. Jimmie Johnson, his teammate, finished 14th but took over the series points lead from Gordon, by 50 points.

Earnhardt, third in the points, was already locked into the top 10 going into the race, while fourth-place Tony Stewart and fifth-place Matt Kenseth, the defending series champion, both wrapped up a shot at the title at California, finishing 18th and 22nd.

## Russia wins, will play U.S. again in quarters

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Pavel Datsyuk, Alex Kovalev, Sergei Samsonov, Alexei Yashin and Alexander Ovechkin scored to help Russia beat Slovakia 5-2 on Sunday night in the final preliminary game in the World Cup of Hockey.

Russia finished second in the North American pool of round-robin play and will meet the United States in a quarter-final game in St. Paul, Minn., on Tuesday.

Russia dominated the Americans in a 3-1 victory last Thursday in St. Paul.

"I'm not sure if they took us lightly, but I'm pretty sure they are going to be ready for us," Samsonov said.

Last-place Slovakia will play first-place Canada in the North American Division's other quarter-final game in Toronto on Wednesday night.

Marian Hossa and Marian

Gaborik scored for Slovakia, 0-3 in the preliminary round. The Slovaks were outscored 13-4.

"We haven't won a game yet so we have to come out against Canada with nothing to lose," defenseman Zdeno Chara said.

The Russians rebounded from a 3-1 loss to Canada on Saturday and finished 2-1 in round-robin play. They beat Slovakia despite being outshot 27-15.

Datsyuk opened the scoring with a one-timer from the circle at 8:40 of the first period, but Hossa tied it just over two minutes later with a wide-open shot from the side of the net.

Kovalev intercepted a pass at the blue line and scored at 12:01 of the second, and Samsonov gave Russia a 3-1 lead three minutes later.

Yashin made it 4-1 just 54 seconds into the third. Gaborik cut it to 4-2 at 5:47 after intercepting a pass by defenseman Andrei Markov.

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## LPGA's Kerr wins 3rd title

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Despite a poor tee shot at No. 18 and landing in a greenside bunker, Cristie Kerr shot a 3-under 69 and won her third title of the year with a tournament record 24-under 264 at the State Farm Classic.

Christina Kim missed a 4-foot birdie putt at the 18th that would have forced a playoff. She finished with a 6-under 66. Kerr, who held a four-stroke lead entering the fourth round, squandered her advantage but regained the lead with a birdie at the 17th. She got up-and-down from the bunker and made her par putt at No. 18.

Kim birdied No. 14 and made eagle at the par-5 15th to move into a tie for the lead. But a wayward tee shot and two poor chips led to a bogey at 16.

### Stadler wins again

PIEBLE BEACH, Calif. — Craig Stadler won his second straight tournament, firing a 6-under 66 for a three-stroke victory over Jay Haas at the inaugural First Tee Open.

Stadler, coming off a win at the Tradition last week in Oregon, had seven birdies and a bogey and never trailed in the final round, finishing at 15-under 201.



Tiger Woods chips out of the rough to the second hole during Monday's final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Mass.

### Golf roundup

## Tee Party: Woods hurt hand on second hole

### TEE PARTY, FROM BACK PAGE

ball he hit a rock instead, jamming his wrist, breaking his club and costing himself a stroke. Shaking off the pain, he punched his way up the hill, chipped onto the green and two-putted from 18 feet for a bogey.

"It hurt all day," Woods said.

Singh birdied No. 10 to move back to minus 14 and then Woods moved back within a stroke with a birdie on No. 12, chipping in from 64 feet. But by this time, Scott had moved just one stroke behind Woods with four consecutive birdies, making putts of 16,

20, 12 and 8 feet to get to minus 12.

Singh hit his second shot over the green on the par-4 13th, then two-putted from 7 feet for bogey to fall to 13 under, tied with Woods. But Woods missed a 9-footer for par on 14, three-putting for a bogey, and Singh knocked his second shot within 4 feet on 15 for birdie; Woods missed a 20-footer to keep pace.

David Duval finished tied for 13th for a payday of \$101,250. He double-bogeyed the first hole for the second consecutive day but shot a 67.

## De La Hoya promises to back up his boasts

### Title bout vs. Hopkins is Sept. 18

BY JEFF HANEY  
Las Vegas Sun

LAS VEGAS — Oscar De La Hoya has been talking a lot lately about upending Bernard Hopkins to become the middleweight champion of the world.

But as another California Golden Boy said in Easy Rider, "talkin' about it and bein' it — that's two different things."

De La Hoya acknowledges that he's in for the toughest challenge of his career when he meets Hopkins on Sept. 18 in a scheduled 12-rounder at the MGM Grand Garden Arena for Hopkins' undisputed title.

"This is a dangerous fight, a very risky fight," De La Hoya said on a conference call Tuesday from his training camp in Big Bear, Calif. "But this is the type of challenge I need to elevate myself to another level."

"This is the fight of my life."

De La Hoya (37-3, 29 KOs), a sure-fire Hall of Famer, has won eight world titles in six weight classes in his 12-year professional career.

He's coming off a lackluster performance, however, in a unanimous decision against Felix Sturm on June 5 at the MGM. Although he won by 115-113 on the scorecards of all three judges, some ringside observers thought Sturm, a German fighter who was a big underdog, should have been awarded the decision.

"In that fight I showed a lot of people what I [shouldn't] do," De La Hoya said. "I will be a different Oscar on September 18."

De La Hoya, who had moved up in weight class to face Sturm, said Tuesday that he is training at 154 to 155 pounds. He will likely step into the ring with Hopkins weighing several pounds under the 160-pound middleweight limit.

He stressed that he has kicked his training program into a higher gear at Big Bear and vowed to

come to Las Vegas in superb shape.

"Every time I go into that gym here, it's like I'm leaving a part of me inside that gym," De La Hoya said.

"I've been sparring 12, 13, 15 rounds consistently, so I can tell myself during the fight that I'm not going to get tired... Before, I would sparring 12 rounds once. This time, I've already done 12 rounds five or six times."

Hopkins (44-2-1, 31 KOs) has defeated 18 opponents in 18 times, including a lopsided unanimous decision against Robert Allen on the same card as De La Hoya-Sturm.

At age 39, like a pugilistic Barry Bonds, Hopkins appears to be growing stronger with age. He's a minus 220 favorite Sept. 18 in Las Vegas sports books. De La Hoya is a plus 180 underdog.

"He's one of the great talents we've had in this generation," De La Hoya, 31, said of his opponent. "I don't see him slowing down at all. He looks to be in his prime. He's done a great job in conditioning and in taking care of himself."

De La Hoya-Hopkins is not only being hailed as the fight of the year, but it's also drawing comparisons to a bout often called the "Fight of the Decade" — the 1987 middleweight title fight between Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler at Caesars Palace.

In that fight, Leonard, a charismatic underdog, outpointed Hagler, the established champion. Boxing fans still debate the split decision and like to relive the memorable ninth round of that slugfest.

Perhaps it's no surprise that Hopkins — who'd play Hagler's losing role in such a diorama — is dismissing comparisons to the 1987 fight, while De La Hoya has been more amenable to them.

"Ray's performance against Hagler was great," De La Hoya said. "He knew going into the fight that Hagler was slowing down."

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# Agassi, Federer to meet in U.S. Open quarterfinals

By BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi made short work of marathon man Sargis Sargsian on Labor Day and moved on to an incredibly attractive matchup in the U.S. Open: Next up, top-seeded Roger Federer in the quarterfinals.

Agassi swept out his longtime friend and occasional practice partner 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 in 90 minutes. Sargsian's last two matches totaled nearly 10 hours, though he said he felt fresh instead of fatigued.

"I never expect to win easily, and I think matches have the potential of looking that way more than feeling that way," Agassi said.

Tim Henman and Dominik Hrbaty also advanced Monday on the men's side. Shinobu Asagoe moved into the women's quarters against Lindsay Davenport, who defeated Venus Williams 7-5, 6-4.

No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne played at night.

Federer reached the Open quarterfinals for the first time, and did so in easy fashion. No. 16 Andrei Pavel withdrew with a herniated disc in his lower back long before their match started — he missed six months last year with a bad back and wrist.

Playing on his 30th birthday, Henman gave himself a neat present: his first trip to the Open quarters in his 10th visit to Flushing Meadows. He led a testy Nicolas Kiefer 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 3-0 when the German pulled out with an injured right hand.

"I'm slowing up already," Henman kidded.

Hrbaty rallied to split Olivier Rochus 2-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.

Hrbaty overcame 77 unforced errors to make it to a major quarterfinal for the first time.

Asagoe upset No. 29 Eleni Daniilidou 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3, making her the lowest-ranked U.S. Open quarterfinalist since Venus Williams in 1997.

Asagoe is ranked 62nd; Williams was 66th when she reached the final in her Open debut.

The sixth-seeded Agassi kept up his drive for a third Open championship and never let Sargis get into a rhythm. Agassi broke him in his first service game of each set.

"I don't think it's quite as comfortable playing against somebody that you root for," Agassi said. "I mean, if I were to lose, I probably wouldn't want to lose to anybody more than him, if that makes any sense at all."

Sargis played the two longest matches of the tournament, needing 5 hours, 9 minutes to beat Nicolas Massu in the second round and then taking 4:44 to defeat Pat-Henri Mathieu.

Agassi saw that last match on television.

"Never been so nervous in my life," Agassi said. "It's a lot easier playing than watching when you really care about it. I was pulling for him. It was a great display of tennis and heart, by both players."

Sargis's knee wobbled in the second set, though he was able to continue. At 31, he's three years younger than Agassi.

"It's strange to play Andre, to be honest," he said. "I really hope this is the last time I play him. I don't feel like I have a game plan against him. Like I don't know how to play the points."

Federer is trying to become the

first man since 1988 to win three Grand Slam championships in a season. He lost in the fourth round the last three years.

"He does a lot of things really well. He does a few things really great. That makes him quite a tough player," Agassi said.

"Most of the time, he's making it look too easy to enjoy."

Kiefer was up 3-1 in the second set before Henman came back to win 10 straight games. In the fourth set, Kiefer's temper got the best of him.

Kiefer began barking after being called for a foot fault. He later netted an easy forehand volley, and reacted by taking a big forehand swing and knocking a ball into the upper deck — he was penalized a point for the outburst.

Moments later, he took issue with two calls on the lines — TV replays showed he was wrong both times. But that did not stop him for arguing, and he approached the chair umpire after an overrule and shouted "What is this?"

Kiefer was leading 30-love in the fourth game when he began flexing his hand before a serve. A trainer was called and after about 10 minutes, Kiefer was done. He walked up to Henman and extended his left hand for a shake.

"I couldn't hold my racket," Kiefer said. "That was a tough decision. I wanted to finish it."

# Holdout tackle Pace signs with St. Louis

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Orlando Pace really cut it close this year.

The five-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle will get only four days of practice to prepare for the St. Louis Rams' opener after signing a one-year contract for \$7.02 million late Sunday night and hitting the field on Monday.

Pace missed most of training camp last year and all of it this season in retaliation for being designated with the franchise tag.

The first overall pick of the 1997 draft has been seeking a long-term contract.

"We're all excited to have Orlando back and I know he feels good about being back, too," coach Mike Martz said. "It's a relief to have him here and we're all just very pleased he's here and we can get going."

Martz said there won't be any hard feelings, either, just like last year. Pace also was a holdout his rookie year, missing most of training camp that season.

"It's never remembered," Martz said. "That's his deal and I don't have anything to do with that. That's another world that I don't participate in."

Pace had no comment, both before and after his first practice.

**Broncos WR Madise suspended for steroids**

DENVER — Denver Broncos wide receiver Adrian Madise

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has been suspended for four games for using anabolic steroids in violation of the NFL's substance policy.

Madise, who was already sidelined by a broken hand suffered in the Broncos' last preseason game last week, said he would not appeal.

He would be eligible to return Oct. 4, the day after the team's game against Tampa Bay.

Madise said he did not realize the steroids were in supplements he was taking.

"I realize that it is my responsibility to monitor what goes into my body, and therefore I have chosen to forego the appeal process which is due me," he said in a written statement. "I am sorry about how this affects the team, and will serve my discipline as per NFL policy."

## Cardinals DT Bryant gets four-game suspension

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona defensive tackle Wendell Bryant has been suspended for the first four games of the season for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

The Cardinals placed Bryant on the reserve/suspended list on Monday.

Bryant, a 2002 first-round draft pick out of Wisconsin, was arrested on a drunk-driving charge by university police in Madison, Wis., on June 27.

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# Dolphins expected to name Fiedler starter

By JASON COLE  
The Miami Herald

MIAMI — Barring a change of heart overnight, coach Dave Wannstedt is expected to name Jay Fiedler starting quarterback for the season opener against Tennessee on Sunday.

The Dolphins reduced their roster to 53 players Sunday with the 21 moves, including a minor trade. On Monday, however, quarterbacks Jay Fiedler and A.J. Feeley are expected to meet with Wannstedt for him to let them know who will be the starter, at least at the beginning of the season.

Wannstedt was still debating the question long and hard among his coaching staff into Sunday night. The decision has weighed heavily on his mind for two weeks.

"Dave has really struggled with this one, I can tell you that," a team source said.

In addition, the Dolphins are expected to elevate Sammy Morris to starting running back this week, barring a trade for or signing of another back. Morris won the job over Travis Minor with a more impressive performance Friday night at Miami's home while Minor continued to struggle.

Wannstedt declined to discuss any of the starting jobs that might be up for grabs.

"We're not going to talk about anything related to starting positions," Wannstedt said in prefacing his remarks Sunday. He did say he wanted to talk to the quarterbacks together when he made the final decision.

Fueling that decision is a coaching staff split on the question of who should start after what has been a very even competition during training camp and the exhibition season.

The quarterback analysis has been so constant that Wannstedt has indicated he may have a very quick look this season if Fiedler doesn't perform well, something he has resisted in the past.

Each quarterback led the Dolphins to one TD during the four games and one scrimmage. Not particularly impressive, but somewhat understandable considering the tremendous turnover in the entire offense. Beginning with the retirement of running back Ricky Williams, the Dolphins have been in constant flux on offense.

That flux continued Sunday when the team released veteran wide receiver Antonio Freeman, keeping wide receiver Brian Gilmore instead.

Freeman was with the team for two weeks. Gilmore for one.

The Fiedler-Feeley question is just the latest incarnation of the Fiedler-Fill In The Blank decision. Be it Damon Huard, Ray Lucas or Brian Griese, Fiedler has been constantly challenged over the years.

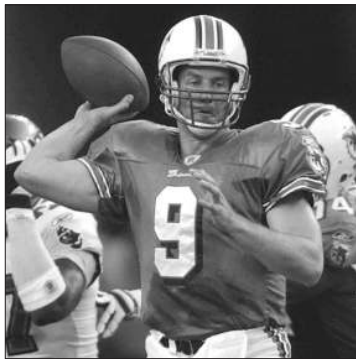
This offseason and training camp has been somewhat different. The Dolphins gave up a second-round pick in 2005 and gave Feeley a five-year, \$18 million when it acquired him in February.

On the field, Feeley overcame a rough series of offseason camps to impress coaches and teammates during exhibition games. He didn't impress them enough to clearly unseat Fiedler, but it was the hardest decision the team has ever had.

Players such as wide receiver Chris Chambers and tight end Randy McMichael pointed out the virtues of both quarterbacks. Fiedler is steady and respected. Feeley has a live arm and makes quick decisions.

"I'm more comfortable with Jay because he's the only guy I've ever worked with," Chambers said. "But, yeah, A.J. can make a lot of throws."

Against Tampa Bay, Feeley



Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler (9) is expected to be named the starter for Miami's season opener against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.

and McMichael hooked up on what would have been a 10-yard TD pass if not for a penalty. It was difficult throw into a very

tight spot.

"I came back to the sideline and told him, 'That was a hell of a throw,'" McMichael said.

# Tice builds Vikings defense to be better, bigger, faster

By RICK GOSSELIN  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — All-American defensive end Kenechi Udeze received a Federal Express package the day before the NFL Draft but didn't have time to open it.

Udeze led the NCAA in sacks at USC in 2003 and was projected as a top-10 pick, but a late medical scare concerning his shoulder forced him down the draft board, and the Minnesota Vikings claimed him with the 20th choice.

A day later, after the excitement of his draft selection had ebbed, Udeze opened his FedEx package. It was a Vikings helmet autographed by Hall of Fame defensive end Alan Page, who had been asked by a family friend to give Udeze some words of encouragement as he embarked on an NFL career.

"I should have opened it before the draft," Udeze said. "Then I might have had a premonition where I was going."

Minnesota hasn't been to a Super Bowl since Page suited up for the team in the 1970s. The Vi-

kings were known as the Purple People Eaters then for their dominating defense front that would produce two Hall of Famers.

Udeze is the latest addition in a quest by Vikings coach Mike Tice to assemble a Purple People Eaters II. Udeze is the third defensive lineman drafted by Minnesota in the first round in the last five years, joining tackles Chris Hovan in 2000 and Kevin Williams in 2003.

"You build your organization from the front back," Tice said. "That's been our draft philosophy: take the better big guy over the better little guy. If you're going to have a team that's going to compete every year, that's where it starts."

But that hasn't been where it has started for this franchise for some time. The last time the Vikings ranked in the top 10 in defense was 1994, when Tony Dungy was the coordinator and Pro Bowl tackles John Randle and Henry Thomas were wreaking havoc up front. The Vikings have ranked in the 20s every season since 1998.

Defense was an afterthought in an era of Randy Moss, Chris Carter and Daunte Culpepper. The last two times the Vikings reached the playoffs, they surrendered 49 points to St. Louis in 1999 and 41 to the New York Giants in 2000 in their NFC elimination games.

There has been with the Vikings since 1996, working his way up from tight ends coach to offensive line coach to head coach. He saw the problem on this team all the



Rookie Darrien Scott, bottom, is just one of the "better big guys" Vikings coach Mike Tice has added to an improving defense.

while and addressed it aggressively when he became coach in 2002.

Tice signed defensive ends Kenny Mixon, Chuck Wiley and Lorenzo Brownell in free agency in 2002. He drafted Williams and signed tackle Billy Lyon in free agency in '03, then drafted ends Udeze and Darrien Scott with first-day picks and signed tackle free agent Steve Martin in '04.

Tice inherited the NFL's 30th-ranked run defense — and one with scant pass-rush ability (30 sacks in 2003). But his additions allowed the Vikings to improve to 17th against the run with 37 sacks in 2003.

OK, it's not the Purple People Eaters. But it's a start.

The original Purple People Eaters were one of the greatest defensive fronts ever assembled, the backbone of a team that won nine division titles and advanced to four Super Bowls in a span of 10 seasons (1968-77). They led the NFL in defense three times. Page went to nine Pro Bowls, Carl Eller six. Both are in the Hall of Fame.

"That was a great defense that really got after people," Williams said.

And the Vikings plan to get after people again.

Tice has stocked an eight-player rotation up front. Williams and Hovan will start at the tackles with Udeze and Mixon at end, although Mixon will miss the first two games because of an NFL suspension for substance abuse.

The second group features veterans who have started a combined 150 games: ends Lance Johnstone and Chuck Wiley and Martin at tackle. The rookie Scott works in as the eighth lineman.

"What we've done is add some quality depth," Vikings defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell said. "Rather than relying on four or five guys the whole season, like we did last year, we've got a rotation with seven or eight guys. If you can do that, you're going to help your defense, especially late in games."

Fresh legs will combine with fast legs. This is an extremely mobile front built to play on the artificial surface at the Metrodome. Udeze, Williams, Hovan and Johnstone are all speed players.

Udeze collected 16½ sacks last

*"That's been our draft philosophy: take the better big guy over the better little guy. If you're going to have a team that's going to compete every year, that's where it starts."*

Mike Tice  
Vikings coach

season for the co-national champion Trojans. Williams picked up 10½ in his rookie season, and Johnstone also hit double figures (10 sacks) off the bench in 2003.

Hovan (6-2, 297 pounds) is an undersized but high-energy player who attracted double-teams inside. But that changed last December when the Vikings moved Williams to tackle from end. Williams collected five sacks there in the final four games. Hovan benefited from the arrival of Udeze on the inside, and both will benefit from the arrival of Udeze on the outside.

"You can't double-team all of them," Cottrell said.

"There's so much talent here," Udeze said. "Hopefully we can improve to a point where we can be looked upon as another set of Purple People Eaters. Or maybe we can get our own nickname."

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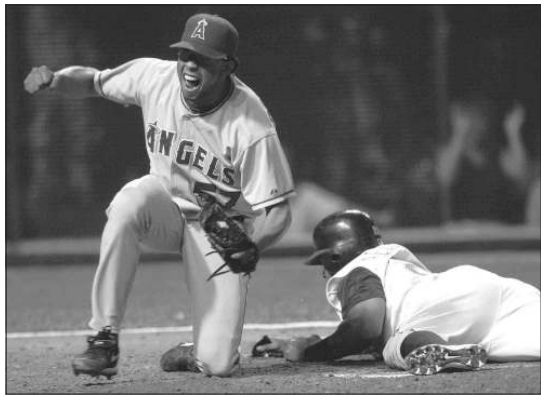
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Anaheim Angels pitcher Francisco Rodriguez celebrates after tagging out Cleveland Indians runner Ronnie Belliard at home plate in the eighth inning Sunday in Cleveland. Belliard tried to score from third after Rodriguez bounced a pitch in the dirt. The Angels won 2-1, their 15th victory in their past 20 games.

## Angels cut A's lead in West

Anaheim trails by three after sweep in Cleveland

BY TOM WITHERS  
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CLEVELAND — After making a no-look, behind-the-back, game-saving flip to home plate, catcher Bengie Molina sprinted to the Angels dugout and strided to a TV.

"I went downstairs to watch it," Molina said. "It had to."

Molina and reliever Francisco Rodriguez combined on one of the season's prettiest defensive plays Sunday night as Anaheim moved a little closer to Oakland in the AL West with a 2-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

John Lackey (12-11) gave up just two hits in 7 1/3 innings as the Angels completed a three-game sweep and pulled within three games of the first-place Athletics.

But it wouldn't have been possible if not for the Molina-to-Rodriguez putout, a play that if it happened on a chilly night in October it would be remembered for generations.

"As it is, this one was pretty special."

"That play," said Angels manager Mike Scioscia, "was flat out unbelievable."

With the Angels protecting a 2-1 lead, pinch-hitter Ronnie Belliard hit a double leading off the eighth and moved to third on a groundout. Scioscia then pulled Lackey for Rodriguez, and the AL's best setup man struck out Omar Vizquel with three nasty sliders.

Rodriguez got ahead of Travis Hafner before bouncing a pitch in the dirt that rolled 10 feet to Molina's left. The two-time Gold Glove winning catcher quickly pounced on it, and without looking, swept the ball backhanded to Rodriguez, who straddled home and applied the tag on Belliard, who never touched the plate.



John Lackey allowed two hits in 7 1/3 innings as Anaheim completed a three-game sweep Sunday.

"Instincts," Rodriguez said. "By far, that's the best play we've ever made."

The Angels actually work on a similar play during spring training, but they never practice it by making blind throws from a catcher sprawling across the grass.

"We do it sometimes joking around," Molina said. "This was no joke."

Belliard thought he could score when he saw the ball skittering away from Molina.

"I was just going hard," Belliard said. "He made a perfect throw. They just made a great play."

As Belliard dusted himself off, Molina and Rodriguez danced their way toward the dugout as many of the Angels spilled out to greet them with high-fives.

Lackey was one of the first in the receiving line.

"It's got to be one of the best plays I've seen," he said.

Rodriguez also worked a perfect ninth for his 11th save.

Troy Glaus homered off Indians starter Jake Westbrook (12-7) for Anaheim, which has won 15 of 20 and is 17-4 in its last 21 road games.

The Indians, who were within one game of first in the AL Central three weeks ago, have lost five in a row, 16 of 20 and are 11 games behind.

For 5 1/3 innings, Lackey dominated the Indians, who just a few nights earlier beat the New York Yankees 22-0 — the worst loss in 101 years for baseball's winningest franchise.

Cleveland didn't get its first hit until Hafner doubled to right-center with two outs in the sixth. Victor Martinez followed with a hard grounder that second baseman Adam Kennedy let slip past him for an error, allowing Hafner to score.

But Lackey, whose previous best outing was a four-hitter against Texas last season, preserved his 2-1 lead by striking out Ben Broussard to end the inning.

Westbrook allowed just two runs and seven hits in eight innings, but lost for the first time in 11 starts at Jacobs Field this season. The right-hander had been 7-0 at home.

Glaus, who irritated his surgically repaired right shoulder when he tumbled over first base on Saturday, gave the Angels a 1-0 lead in the fifth.

The 6-foot-5, 240-pounder muscled an 0-1 pitch from Westbrook over the wall in center field for his 13th homer and second since returning after missing seven weeks following his operation.

The Angels added another run in the inning when Jeff DeVane walked, stole second, advanced on a groundout and scored on a double by Chone Figgins.

## Rookie Cabrera tosses streaky O's past Twins

BY DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Back home after a two-week trek, the Baltimore Orioles knocked off another first-place team behind a rookie pitcher who laid to rest the talk about his supposedly tired arm.

Daniel Cabrera pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning, and Jose Leon and Melvin Mora had two RBIs apiece to lead the surging Orioles past the Minnesota Twins 4-1 on Monday.

During a three-game stretch last month in which Cabrera yielded 20 runs and 20 hits in just over eight innings, it appeared as if he was just too tired to be effective anymore.

Even though Cabrera had already pitched more innings in one season than ever before, Baltimore manager Lee Mazzilli attributed the slump to a loss of confidence and insisted that the right-hander was strong enough to turn things around and finish the season with a flourish.

Cabrera has thus far done just that, and now it seems as if the Orioles are poised to close out the year on a positive note, too.

Cabrera (11-7) yielded one run and four walks in 7 1/3 innings.

It was a suitable encore for his last performance, when he held Tampa Bay scoreless over 6 1/3 innings.

"He's gotten ahead in the count and that's the key for him," Mazzilli said. "I think he's mechanically changed a little bit, and so he's the throwing strikes again. Now you see that confidence level getting up."



Baltimore Orioles starter Daniel Cabrera points upward after leaving the game in the eighth inning against the Twins on Monday.

It was the seventh win in eight games for the Orioles, playing at home for the first time since Aug. 22. Baltimore went 0-6 on its last homestand, and ended up losing 12 in a row overall.

But the Orioles have gone 7-1 since, in part because the starters have allowed only four earned runs over the last six games.

Jorge Julio worked the ninth for his 21st save, a day after he walked in the winning run with the bases loaded against the New York Yankees — Baltimore's lone defeat in a three-game series against the AL East leaders.

Cabrera got the best of veteran left-hander Terry Mulholland (4-8), who gave up four runs and nine hits in five-plus innings.

## Texas' slide continues with loss to White Sox

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Carl Everett homered and the Chicago White Sox took advantage of Texas' season-high five errors in a 7-4 victory over the fading Rangers on Monday.

The White Sox won their fourth straight to move 7 1/2 games behind the first-place Minnesota Twins in the AL Central.

In the first two innings, White Sox starter Jason Grich (1-1) allowed three hits, three walks, committed an error and threw two wild pitches. But the Rangers were only able to come up with one run.

Grich gave up three runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Shingo Takatsu got two outs for his 17th save in 18 chances.

Michael Young homered for the fourth time in his three games for Texas, which has lost seven of eight to fall seven games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West. The Athletics were scheduled to play Boston later Monday.

David Dellucci and Kevin Mench also homered for the Rangers, who opened a seven-game homestand after a 1-5 road trip.

## AL Roundup

**Tigers 7, Royals 3:** Craig Monroe homered and Omar Infante drove in three runs to back Will Ledezma's six strong innings in Detroit's victory at Comerica Park.

The Tigers' second straight win was their 63rd of the season, preventing them from losing at least 100 games for a third straight season.

Detroit hadn't played since Friday, when it won at Tampa Bay but had the last two games of the series postponed because of Hurricane Frances. Catcher Ivan Rodriguez was not with the team because he was delayed in transit from Miami, where he had stayed with his family during the hurricane.

Ledezma (4-2) gave up two runs — one earned — and seven hits in six innings in what is expected to be his final start of the season. The left-hander was looking to the bullpen to reduce the number of innings he throws the rest of the season.

Denny Bautista (0-1) lost in his first major league start, allowing four runs on eight hits in six innings. The Royals have lost three of four.



# Backe, Astros power to 10th straight win

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The crowd was on its feet, beckoning the latest slugging surprise in the Houston Astros' vaunted offense to re-emerge from the dugout.

Already seated and oblivious to the cheers, Brandon Backe didn't stir from his daze until his teammates nudged him back outside. "I was just excited thinking about the home run," said the 26-year-old pitcher, who was making only his fourth career start.

"I was going to go down and sit in my little hole, but they told me to get out there."

Backe hit his first career homer, a two-run shot, and allowed one run in seven innings to keep the Astros in the thick of the NL wild-card chase with an 11-5 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent also homered for Houston, on its longest win streak in five years. The Astros have won 18 of 21 since Aug. 15, the best record in the majors during that stretch.

The Astros closed within 1½ games of NL wild-card leader Chicago and trails San Francisco by one game. Houston, a season-high 11 games over .500 at 74-63, hasn't been within striking range of the Cubs and Giants in more than three months.

"They are not missing anything at the plate," Reds manager Dave Miley said. "If you make a mistake, they hit it and they hit it hard."

Backe (3-2) virtually shut down the Reds after giving up three hits and a run-scoring single to D'Angelo Jimenez in the first. He gave up only four singles from



there, finishing with a career-high eight strikeouts and a walk.

But it was Backe's performance at the plate that was the biggest surprise. Backe went 2-for-2 with a walk, including the two-run shot in the fourth that gave Houston a 5-1 lead.

"It was my big dream to be a hitter in the major leagues," said Backe, who was drafted by Tampa Bay in 1998 as a second baseman. "I never thought I'd be a pitcher. My hitting skills are still there. I practice all the time behind closed doors."

**Cubs 9, Expos 1** At Chicago, Aramis Ramirez hit a pair of two-run homers and Carlos Zambrano allowed four hits in eight innings to lead the Cubs over Montreal.

Mark Grudzielanek, Derrek Lee and Michael Barrett also homered for the Cubs, who played their first game since Wednesday's 2-1 extra-inning victory at Montreal. The Cubs had their last three games against the Florida Marlins at Miami postponed because of Hurricane Frances.

The Cubs took a half-game game lead over idle San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. Houston stayed 1½ games back with an 11-5 win over Cincinnati.

Chicago won without Sammy Sosa in the lineup. The second-time All-Star has bursitis in his right hip and is listed as day to day.

The injury is not related to a lower back injury Sosa suffered



Houston Astros pitcher Brandon Backe acknowledges the crowd after hitting a two-run home run against the Cincinnati Reds during the fourth inning Monday in Houston. The Astros won 11-5.

earlier in the season, which put him on the disabled list May 19 through June 18.

Zambrano (13-8) gave up one run, struck out five and walked one to match his career high in wins. The right-hander has a league-low 2.17 ERA at home.

Tony Armas Jr. (2-4) went just three innings, allowing seven runs and seven hits — including four homers — as the Expos lost for the fourth time in five games.

**Braves 3, Phillies 1** At Atlanta, replacement starter Travis Smith pitched five solid innings. Andrew Jones homered again and the Braves buried Philadelphia a little deeper in the NL East.

Smith (1-3), who has spent most of the season at Triple-A, got the start when Mike Hampton couldn't go because of a stiff neck.

The 31-year-old journeyman allowed five hits and a run before giving way to the bullpen.

Jones had two RBIs and knocked a potential Phillies run off the board by throwing out a runner at the plate.

Four relievers finished up for the Braves, who won for the 12th time in 14 games. John Smoltz pitched 1½ innings for his 36th save.

The Phillies, expected to threaten Atlanta's streak of 12 straight division titles, instead dropped 13½ games behind in the NL East. They have only 25 games remaining and virtually no chance of catching the Braves.

In Sunday's late NL game:

**Rockies 5, Padres 2:** Vinny Castilla hit his 30th homer, and Jeremy Bonamant and Matt Holliday also connected for visiting Colorado, which handed the Padres their fifth loss in six games.

# Giants pull into tie for NL wild card

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SAN FRANCISCO — Edgardo Alfonzo hit a two-run homer off Randy Johnson in the sixth inning, and the San Francisco Giants moved into a virtual tie atop the NL wild card standings with a 4-1 win over Arizona on Sunday.

The Cubs took a half-game lead in the wild-card standings with a 9-1 victory over Montreal on Monday.

Brett Tomko (9-6) pitched seven impressive innings on a sprained right ankle, getting eight strikeouts in his fourth straight victory. Ray Durham had an RBI single as the Giants finished a three-game sweep of the Diamondbacks.

The Giants pulled within 3½ games of the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers, who were swept by St. Louis.

San Francisco rallied from behind in all three victories over Arizona — and in the finale, the Giants did it without much help from Barry Bonds, who went 1-for-2 with two more walks, including his 101st intentional pass of the season. Bonds has 194 walks — four shy of his major league record from 2002.

Dustin Hermanson struck out the side in the ninth for his 10th save in 12 chances.

Not even Johnson (12-13) could prevent Arizona from falling 53 games below .500 for the first time in franchise history. Despite striking out seven and raising his major league leading total to 249, the Big Unit lost his third straight start against the Giants, allowing seven hits and two walks while pitching into the seventh.

# Yankees ask for forfeit after Devil Rays delayed

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees asked the commissioner's office to award them a forfeit over Tampa Bay after the Devil Rays failed to arrive in time for the scheduled start Monday because of travel problems in Florida due to Hurricane Frances.

The doubleheader was changed to a single game and the start time, pushed back Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., was reset for 7 p.m. The Devil Rays, who reported to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg at 8 a.m., left the ballpark at 1:05 p.m., departed Tampa International Airport at 2:40 p.m., arrived at LaGuardia Airport at 5:25 p.m. and pulled up to Yankee Stadium in two buses at 6:05 p.m.

"The rule states that if your team is here and ready to play, and the other team isn't, they are not ready to play, there should be a forfeit, and we believe there should be a forfeit," Yankees President Randy Levine said.

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he said.

Levine said the commissioner's office had been told by the Devil Rays that Tampa Bay would head to New York late Friday or Saturday.

Levine called for an investigation by baseball, and said that if the facts as the Yankees understood them were true, the game should be forfeited. Alternatively, Levine said the game should be rescheduled for Oct. 4 — the day after the regular season is scheduled to end — if it's necessary to decide a postseason race.

"Get everything down in print as you will. I have no comment," Tampa Bay owner Vince Naimoli said.

A forfeit didn't appear to be likely.

"Given the stage of the season we are in, and the exciting pen-

nant races, it is critical that we do everything to decide the championship on the field," Commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement.

Tampa Bay's home games against Detroit on Saturday and Sunday were postponed, and the Tigers returned home after Friday night's games.

"There were plenty of opportunities to get out of Tampa on Saturday. The airports were open until 3 or 4 o'clock," Levine said.

Devil Rays spokesman Rick Vaughn said the Devil Rays had never intended to leave before Monday.

"The only thing that entered our mind was being with our families during the hurricane," he said.

The Yankee Stadium gates opened at 11 a.m., and about 1,000 fans were in the stands on the sunny afternoon when an announcement was made at 12:40 p.m. that the doubleheader would not start on time.

"We had planned on being here all day anyway," Yankees captain

Derek Jeter said. "I don't see how we could play two games today now."

Ray Zinke, a 29-year-old from West Warwick, R.I., drove down to New York on Monday morning with his wife, Sheila, and 7-year-old son, Raymond.

"I would like to stay if there's a chance to play," he said.

The Yankees reported to Yankee Stadium at noon for the doubleheader.

"Let's get a grill," Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina said. "Hot dogs and burgers on the field."

**Mantle jersey up for auction**

DALLAS — An original, unaltered-for-minor-leagues New York Yankees uniform worn by Mickey Mantle in 1963 will be sold in a public auction and could fetch \$100,000 or more, according to Heritage Galleries of Dallas.

Until the 1970s, it was common practice to send major league jerseys down to the minors at season's end, said Chris Ivy, director

of sports auctions for Heritage Galleries.

The old numbers and logos, such as the Yankees' "NY" over the heart, would be removed and replaced with the new team's insignia, Ivy said. "As a result, almost all other Mickey Mantle game-worn jerseys in existence today have been restored following minor league alterations."

The sale will be conducted Friday and Saturday in Long Beach, Calif., and online at [www.HeritageSportsCollectibles.com](http://www.HeritageSportsCollectibles.com).

The auction also will include a Sandy Koufax game-worn jersey from the Dodgers' final season in Brooklyn, N.Y., as well as the "Thrilla in Manila" boxing gloves worn by Joe Frazier when he fought Muhammad Ali in the Philippines in October 1975.

Also for sale will be a Ted Williams game-used fielder's glove and the first baseball hit for a home run by Willie McCovey, the San Francisco Giants star.

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# Vijay's Boston tee party

## Singh wins Deutsche Bank, overthrows Woods' reign at No. 1

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Vijay Singh of Fiji, right, smiles at Tiger Woods on the 18th green after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., on Monday. Singh took over the No. 1 world ranking from Woods with the victory.

NORTON, Mass. — Vijay Singh has been playing the best golf in the world for a long time. Now he has Tiger Woods No. 1 ranking to prove it.

Singh finished his long climb to the top of golf's ultimate leader board by besting Woods in a head-to-head matchup, shooting a 69 on Monday to win the Deutsche Bank Championship by three strokes and claim Woods' spot as the top-ranked player in the world.

It was Singh's sixth victory of the year, enough to convince the computers that crunch the numbers what many have known for months.

"Finally it's turned into my favor," said Singh, who birdied three of the last four holes to win the \$900,000 first prize.

"I've worked pretty hard for this. I finally achieved what I wanted to do starting at the beginning of the year."

"It was a good win, as well. Coming down the stretch got pretty tight there, but I got focused and I played pretty good coming down."

**"That's not too bad, is it? I've had a good run."**

**Tiger Woods**  
No. 1 for 264 weeks

Woods had been No. 1 for more than five years — a record 264 consecutive weeks — in the rankings that consider performance over the past two years, factoring in the strength of field. Singh had winnowed Woods' lead to 12.09-11.91 heading into the Deutsche Bank, needing only to finish ahead of Woods to pass him.

The new numbers were expected to be released later Monday, but Singh will be the first player other than Woods to hold the No. 1 ranking since Aug. 8, 1999.

"That's not too bad, is it? I've had a good run," Woods said.

"I'm not disappointed about the ranking; I'm disappointed in not winning. ... Winning takes care of the ranking."

Singh and Woods were tied at 13 under after Singh bogeyed the 13th hole, but Woods bogeyed the next one and Singh birdied No. 15 to pull ahead by two strokes. The 41-year-old Fijian added birdies on the final two holes at the par-71, 7,415-yard TPC of Boston to finish 16 under, three ahead of Woods and defending champion Adam Scott.

"It was a golf tournament to me. It wasn't about the ranking," said Singh, who has won the last nine times

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